

Harold Hurst

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A passionate and dedicated developer, skilled in building static and dynamic front-end web services. Knowledge and practical experience with modern web frameworks and content management systems. Competent in a range of development languages with a strong understanding of web/browser architecture.

With an eye for great design, I am able to contribute both to technical and aesthetic aspects of front-end development. Having worked in the web development team for a large financial organisation as well as on my own personal Javascript projects, I have a breadth of abilities and am always eager to expand my technical knowledge. I am equally comfortable collaborating within teams or managing tasks independently to deliver high-quality digital experiences to industry standards and web best practices.

Education

University of Edinburgh

BEng Mechanical Engineering, 2:1 (Honors)

2015 – 2019

Edinburgh, Scotland

Skills

Practical skills

- Front-end development with modern technologies: HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript, and React
- Responsive accessible web applications, including mobile-first design practices
- Experience with CSS frameworks (Bootstrap) and CSS Modules for scoped styling
- Back-end integration using PHP, Python, and SQL databases
- Building RESTful APIs and performing CRUD operations on dynamic sites
- Version control with Git, including branching, merging, and repository management
- Working with mapping libraries (e.g., Leaflet.js) and third-party APIs

Soft skills

- Collaborative teamwork, demonstrated in both large corporate environments and individual projects
- Strong attention to detail, ensuring cross-browser compatibility and adherence to web standards
- Effective time management and ability to prioritize tasks in fast-paced development cycles
- Problem-solving mindset, adept at debugging and troubleshooting complex issues
- Excellent communication skills, both technical and non-technical, facilitating smooth deployments and documentation
- Continual learning orientation, quick to adopt new tools and frameworks in evolving development stacks

Experience

IT Career Switch

Web | Software Development Traineeship

March 2025 – Present

Nottingham

A comprehensive full-stack program focused on both front-end and back-end technologies. Gained hands-on experience in HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript, React, Python, PHP, SQL, and Git, while also earning industry-recognized certifications. Built a professional-grade portfolio through guided real-world projects, demonstrating practical skills in responsive design, dynamic web applications, and version control.

ASD Steel Ltd

Bandsaw Operator

January 2025 – March 2025

Newbridge, Scotland

- CNC machine operator - daily operation of 5-axis milling machine and saw line in the production of composite beams, columns and other steel products.

The Van Hub Ltd*Assembly Technician*

January 2023 – December 2024

Inverness, Scotland

- Manufacture of campervan beds, kitchen units and other products.
- Lining and insulation of Campervan conversions.

Aegon UK*Web Developer*

January 2022 – December, 2022

Edinburgh, Scotland

- Daily maintenance and updates of public website using Adobe AEM CMS.
- Migration of company website to new hosting platform.
- Cross-browser and device testing using BrowserStack to ensure accessible website content.
- Collaboration with other departments to update online articles, promotional material, FAQ pages and images.
- SEO using tools such as Semrush.

Dulux Decorator Centre*Sales Assistant*

January – July, 2024

Inverness, Scotland

- Supported colleagues to complete daily tasks such as mixing and packaging orders for delivery by courier.
- Served customers tills and dealt with customer accounts.
- Maintained and stocked the shop floor and carried out inventory checks.

OxDevice Ltd*Development Technician*

October. 2019 – August. 2020

Abingdon, Oxfordshire

- Development, testing and manufacture of endovascular stents and other devices.
- Production and adherence to work instruction documents.