

# Michael Harrison

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Junior Web Developer with 2 years' experience in the software industry as a QA Analyst. I love solving problems, and I love making things. I have a demonstrable desire to learn, to push myself towards best practices, and to write the cleanest, best tested code I can. I'm now looking for my first role as a developer in a company which has similar commitments to me. I care about craftsmanship, and I want to work with craftsmen who will challenge me and encourage my learning.

## Skills

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### Quick Learner

In 12 weeks I have built a working proficiency in Ruby and JavaScript, and frameworks such as Angular and Rails. Much of this learning has been self-led – I am confident in my abilities and getting stuck doesn't phase me.

### Analytic

My studies in Mathematics and Philosophy have shaped the way I think and given me a strong ability to break problems down and to understand and use complex ideas.

### Testing

I spent 2 years working as a QA Analyst, manually writing and executing feature and regression tests on a monolithic system. This has given me a real commitment to well-tested, well-structured and well-written code.

## Experience

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- **Intuitive Systems** (Aug 2014-Mar 2016)  
- QA Analyst
- **Link Community Development** (Mar 2014-May 2014) - Fundraising Assistant
- **Global Lingo** (Jan 2014-Sept 2014)  
- Freelance Audio Transcriber
- **Sainsbury's Local** (Aug 2012-Dec 2014)  
- Team Leader

## Education

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### Makers Academy (Apr-Jun 2016)

- OOP, TDD, SOLID, MVC, DDD
- Software Craftsmanship & XP
- Ruby, Rails, JavaScript, Angular.js, Ionic
- RSpec, Capybara, Jasmine, Karma, Protractor

### Open University (Jan-Oct 2013)

- Postgraduate Certificate in Philosophy

### University of York (Oct 2009-Jul 2012)

- BSc Mathematics & Philosophy

## Projects

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### [Happy Belly](#)

Mobile app that allows the user to select a diet profile (e.g. nut allergy), and then scan a food barcode to see if they can eat it. Built in less than two weeks using Ionic/Angular. The app has a [decoupled rails-api backend](#).

### [Rails Cleaner](#)

Ruby Gem that deletes all of those annoying unused auto-generated coffeescript/scss files from your rails projects. Pure Ruby, built in a week as a group project at Makers. Available on [RubyGems](#).

### [Instagram Clone](#)

Instagram Clone built using Rails in a weekend. The website is available on [Heroku](#). (Please excuse the Comic Sans...)

## Interests

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- Making things out of wood
- Playing guitar
- Going for long walks
- Practicing yoga