Jack Bennett

Full Stack Web Developer

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EDUCATION

Enspiral Dev Academy,
Wellington
NOV 2020 - MARCH 2021

Full Stack Web Development Bootcamp Training Scheme.

ServiceIQ,
Correspondence
2019

Certificate in Retail Level 2, with a focus on customer service and sales support.

Whitireia,
Correspondence
2018

Certificate in Retail Level 3, with a focus on customer service and inventory skills.

Stratford High School,
Stratford, Taranaki
2010 - 2014

INTERESTS

Music in general takes up a lot of my spare time, but specifically I collect a variety of records old and new. I also shop locally to help support small New Zealand businesses.

Alongside that, I also collect numerous house plants, which is slowly turning my house into a tropical jungle.

I also have a passion for creating useful apps that will benefit our community. I'm currently learning Swift so I can create iOS software to do just that, as well work on current React web projects.

INTRODUCTION

As a software developer with experience in front and backend technologies, I strive to create practicable applications that will have a positive impact on society. Coming from a family background where change is accepted and encouraged in our day to day lives, I always look to incorporate this notion into my projects and create an overall practical and progressive outcome.

My fascination with computer software has spanned back to a young age, having grown up with antiquated Apple and Microsoft systems. The user interface of OS X Tiger and Windows XP at the time sparked my interest in how a computer system operates, specifically with desktop and web applications. I am now excited to explore this growing passion and interest even more through software development.

During my time at Enspiral Dev Academy, mentorship and positive company culture were two things that I found incredibly important. I am seeking an organisation that will help fuel my passion for software development and reflect these values, taking into consideration my keen eye for detail and ability to perform well in high-pressure situations.
Approaching and solving challenges comes second nature to me. Whether it is conflict within code or a team, I'm confident I can bring a positive approach to any workplace environment.

SKILLS

- HTML, CSS and JavaScript.
- Version control: Git and GitHub.
- Asynchronous programming.
- Front-end: React, Redux, Handlebars, RESTful API's, SASS and Bulma.
- Back-end: Node.js, Express.js, Knex.js and relational databases.
- Authentication (JWT).
- Command-line interface.

- Agile techniques: Kanban boards, sprint planning, retrospectives, task estimation etc.
- Teamwork, collaboration and pair programming.
- Giving and receiving feedback.
- Browser and server debugging.
- TDD (Test Driven Development).
- Organisation and self-management.
- Scrum management and product ownership.

ONGOING PROJECTS

Swopzies,

A platform to exchange skills and crafts through bartering goods and services.

This was built as an idea to help our community in a positive way, incorporating easy to use functionality with a focus on accessibility for people with impaired capabilities.

Being the product owner of Swopzies allowed me to shine my natural leadership skills onto my team at Enspiral Dev Academy.

Built using:
- React
- Redux
- Express.js
- Knex.js (SQLite3)
- SASS and Bulma
- JWT Authentication

This or That,

A simple game of comparisons between random categories.

A fun personal project that I am currently working on. The idea is to create a simple click-based game which holds the attention span of the user, presenting them with two random but related categories.

Who doesn't like seeing a good old rivalry between iOS and Android or Marmite and Vegemite?

Functionality involved will include commenting, individual user stats and comparison creation by the user.

REFEREES

Available upon request.

EXPERIENCE

Enspiral Dev Academy, Wellington - Student

NOVEMBER 2020 - MARCH 2021

An immersive software development bootcamp, aimed at creating a real-world team development environment through the growth of technical and human skills.

- Developing full stack applications allowed me to implement agile methodologies, which created a consistent and successful workflow throughout coding practices.

- Thrived in a fast-paced learning environment, working in pairs and amongst teams. This allowed me to hone in on my communication and awareness skills, making me a valuable team member in any group project.

- Through human skills sessions, I was able to enhance my active listening skills and empathy towards others. This allowed me to become more receptive towards my peers and easily identify their needs within a team environment.

- Product owner of Swopzies, our final group project at EDA with a group of six other software developers.

  https://swopzies.herokuapp.com

Tile Trends, Wellington - Distribution/Customer Service Assistant

AUGUST 2020 - OCTOBER 2020

- Relayed information between the distribution and administration teams in a high-pressure environment, keeping communications as concise as possible.

- Liaised with wholesale customers, feedbacking up-to-date information on products and orders.

Mitre10 MEGA, New Plymouth - Stock Integrity Coordinator

APRIL 2019 - JULY 2020

- Used retail inventory management software to undertake a rolling financial stocktake of the store, setting goals and sticking to timelines to meet business deadlines.

- Created a voluntary educational program, to train staff on an inventory related mobile app designed by the company. This showed my initiative as a leader and helped move a more traditional workplace into safer space for change.

Animates, Wellington - Sales Assistant / Inventory Manager

MAY 2016 - JANUARY 2019

- Focal point on customer service, allowing me to build my client relations and active listening skills. Met the needs of customers and built valuable rapport.

- Selected as part of a small team to carry out a new store installation in Rangiora. This allowed me to network amongst new staff within the company, work in a high-pressure environment and gain experience with new retail management software.