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I am a graduate and frontend developer with a strong passion for creating beautiful and functional products that enhance user experience. My proactive and organised approach to work drives me to build new projects and learn new technologies.

Skills

Frameworks:
Next.js, React, Astro, FastHTML

Frontend:
Typescript, JavaScript, Tailwind, SASS, Styled Components

Backend:
Python and MySQL, GraphQL, Apollo Client, Postman

DevOps:
Git, Github, CI/CD with Vercel and Netlify

Further Technical Skills:
Docker, Adobe Creative Suite, Figma, Final Cut Pro, Squarespace, Wordpress, BigCartel

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Education

Web Development Course

Just IT, October 2023 - January 2024

BA Greek with Latin

University College London, 2016-2020

A-Levels

Latin A, Ancient Greek A, Maths B

GCSEs

6 A*, 3A

Experience

See my Portfolio and GitHub for further examples of my work.

Frontend Developer

***Octopus Energy**, July 2024 – Present*

- Won the Tech Zero x Kraken Hackathon in July 2024, resulting in a £20,000 prize and mentorship from Octopus Energy.
- Currently building an open-source product in Next.js which encourages neighbours to share and expand solar capacity, with a community map and data sourced from the Google Solar API.

Full Stack Developer

***Fare Free London**, June 2024 – August 2024*

- Delivered a fast, secure, and easily updatable website for a public transport campaign by using Next.js and Headless WordPress.
- Debugged security issues by moving Airtable signup form requests server-side and responded to user feedback via GitHub Issues.

Frontend Developer

***Take Back Water**, February 2024 – June 2024*

- Employed as a contractor within a team of developers.
- Enhanced website accessibility and performance, achieving a perfect score of 100 across all Lighthouse categories.
- Upgraded the SEO of the site using meta tags, ensuring it now performs well in search engines.
- Improved my Git workflow and team-working skills by developing new React components using Figma, Storybook and SASS.

Frontend Developer

***London Brutalist Map**, January 2024 – September 2024*

- Improved developer and user experience by rebuilding my previous HTML project in a multi-page site with React Router for navigation, offering various ways to engage with the data.
- Used Tailwind CSS to create a consistent and accessible design.
- Responded to user feedback by adding a custom marker to handle hover events and enhance interactivity.

Director and Graphic Designer

***Tapir Studio Limited**, September 2019 – December 2023*

- Designed posters, websites, and social media branding for clients such as Oxford University and Common Knowledge, and managed company digital infrastructure to ensure smooth day-to-day operations.
- Led the brand design for La Fête de L'Humanité in 2022 and 2023, significantly contributing to the event's success in attracting over 500,000 attendees.
- Achieved international recognition with features in major media outlets, including a double-page spread in the Guardian and articles in Vice and It's Nice That.