JAMES ALEX FORSTER

Driven, conscientious and creative developer with extensive commercial experience seeking first role in software.

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PERSONAL PROFILE

I am a full stack developer, recently graduated from the Makers course after discovering a love for the problem solving and creative applications of software development whilst working at Makers.

Professionally, I have a wealth of knowledge from my background in sales from across a broad spectrum of companies and environments.

I'm really excited to work within a team of passionate developers to help solve real world problems as I continue on the life-long journey of learning that being a developer equates to.

SKILLS & ABILITIES

- Highly motivated and independently successful. Treats learning as a lifelong hobby rather than a chore.
- Organised, self-motivated and confident when dealing with multiple stakeholders and managing relationships.
- A real people person and team player.
- Continually fascinated by technology, with a genuine passion for growing my knowledge and craftsmanship in relation to development.

INTERESTS

- I have played the guitar for 15 years and write songs in my spare time. I also run, read, and maintain a passion for film.
- I enjoy spending time working on coding outside of work and am currently reading **Eloquent Javascript** by Marijn Haverbeke, and **Clean Code** by Robert C Martin.
- I am maintaining a **Medium blog** about my learning and the job hunt (@jamesalexforster).

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Enterprise Relationship Manager
Makers Academy (01/2019 - 05/2020)

- Primary lead on six-figure partnerships with companies including KPMG, Expedia, Capgemini, News UK, Global.
- Managed end to end sales processes as well as ongoing account management for some of Maker's biggest partners.
- Hosted networking events, gave talks, a range of other business activities.

Partnerships Manager
Beanstalk Charity (08/2018 - 12/2019)

- Developed partnerships for the charity with schools across London.
- Utilised networks and platforms to increase visibility for the charity and create awareness for the services they provided and the problem they solved.

Sales and Onboarding Executive
KeyAGENT (09/2017 - 07/2018)

- Onboarded hundreds of clients onto the PropertyBOX Saas platform.

TECHNOLOGIES

- I used **Ruby** and **JavaScript** extensively throughout the project orientated focus of my training.
- Frameworks I have used: **Rails, Sinatra, Express, Node.js, React.js.**
- Testing libraries: **Rspec, Capybara, Jasmine, Jest.**
- **RESTful API's** including **Google** (Natural Language and Image analysis) and **Spotify.**
- **HTML**/**CSS**, **SQL** (**PostgreSQ**L)
- Currently developing my knowledge of **React.js, TypeScript, GraphQL** for a project developing an example portfolio website for Makers.

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Makers Academy
Bootcamp Graduate (June '20 Cohort)

- Europe's leading bootcamp, focussed on creating job-ready developers with an agile, pragmatic approach to development.
- Super intensive 3-month coding course. I went from 0 to developing a group project which integrated multiple API's and frameworks: **www.spotivibes.surge.sh.**
- Worked remotely throughout the entire course and utilised **XP Agile principles, TDD, BDD, Pair Programming, Domain Modelling and more.**

University of Southampton
BA Film Studies (2010-2013)

- Studied the theory, history and development of cinema.
- Student representative for my year group.
- Heavily involved in SU Theatre Society.
- Also co-founded theatre company Broken Arrow Productions.