Jamie Benstead

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Personal Statement

As a passionate Software Engineer with over 6 years of experience, I specialise in crafting scalable and efficient web and mobile applications. My expertise in modern frameworks and technologies allows me to deliver robust solutions that drive business success. I thrive in environments where innovation is encouraged, and I'm eager to tackle challenging projects while contributing to a forward-thinking team.

Skills

Programming Languages

JavaScript, TypeScript, PHP, C#, SQL, CSS, HTML

Technical Knowledge

React, Angular, Ionic/Cordova, ExtJS, Laravel, Tailwind, Azure, Jest, Postman, Yup, GraphQL, Git, Jira, Strapi, Filament, I18N

Soft Skills

Communication, teamwork and collaboration, project management, adaptability, attention to detail, time management

Employment History

Sidney Sussex College; Cambridge

Web Developer (fixed term), March 2024 - August 2024

Sidney Sussex College is a constituent college of the University of Cambridge.

Responsibilities and achievements:

- Led requirement gathering sessions to understand the needs of the college.
- Implemented source control practices and modern development workflows.
- Planned and managed project tasks, ensuring timely delivery.
- Rebuilt the college intranet using Laravel and Filament.
- Improved functionality and user experience.

Fluent; Cambridge

Software Developer, April 2021 - January 2024

Fluent is a Cambridge-based technology consultancy specialising in digital product development for a range of clients across healthcare, education, charities, government, and the public sector.

Responsibilities and achievements:

- Worked on client and internal software projects across web and mobile platforms.
- Provided support and maintenance for existing solutions including case triage, documentation, code delivery, QA, and deployment.
- Contributed to the Agile development process, including daily stand-ups, sprint planning, and retrospectives.
- Utilised a variety of technologies including React, Angular, NestJS, NextJS, Jest, and GraphQL.
- Updated a customer's web app with a redesign, adding new front-end functionality, ensuring good test coverage, creating new GraphQL queries, and validating data submission.
- Upgraded a major version of Strapi, rewriting GraphQL queries and underlying functionality.
- Created API endpoints and backend functionality to meet client business needs in a hybrid team.
- Continued development and improvements of multiple customer's web apps.

Jesus College; Cambridge
Junior Software Developer, May 2018 - April 2021
Jesus College is a constituent college of the University of Cambridge.

Responsibilities and achievements:
- Worked with staff and students to develop problem-solving solutions.
- Maintained the internal website and performed server updates.
- General IT support.
- Developed an application for requesting refreshments, with requester and Cellarman interfaces, and finance reporting.
- Created a system for logging and accessing historical archives online. This included data cleaning, search functionality, and staff input interfaces.
- Built a mobile app for creating, editing, and deleting bookings, developed urgently due to social distancing measures.
- Developed a solution for automatically updating Alert Cascade daily.
- Upgraded applications from ExtJS version 5 to version 7.
- Created custom theme templates for all internal applications.

Nuffield Health; Cambridge
Personal Trainer/Duty Manager, May 2012 - May 2018
Receptionist, June 2011 - May 2012

Personal Projects
PT Helper
Developed a mobile app using Ionic, Angular, and SQLite, for personal trainers to measure and track their clients BMI and body fat percentages, as well as calculate calorie requirements.
Jamie's Gym Calculators
A mobile app developed using Ionic and React to quickly calculate the weight needed for some popular training programs.
D2 Runeword Finder
A passion project I am currently working on with NextJS and Strapi which will allow users to quickly search possible rune combinations for the popular game Diablo 2.

Education
Computer Science BEng (Hons), 1st
September 2015 - May 2018
Anglia Ruskin University

Achievements
Awarded the Sam Beatson Memorial Award for achieving the highest average grade in my university course.

Personal Interests
I have always been interested in computing, from building my own PCs to creating websites as a kid (ask me about my now 20-year-old Pokemon website). Outside of work I enjoy Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, photography, strength training, ice cream, and learning about space.