



JAMES COLLINS

DEVELOPER • DESIGNER

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TECHNICAL SKILLS

DEVELOPMENT

- Object-oriented programming
- Test-driven development
- Pair programming
- Responsive design
- Version control with Git

Front End

- JavaScript
- React
- HTML 5
- CSS 3 and Sass/SCSS

Back End

- Node.js
- Express
- Webpack
- SQL

DESIGN

- Print design
- Photoshop retouching
- Typography
- Artworking
- Web and UI design
- Motion Graphics

Software

- Adobe Creative Suite (InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, After Effects, XD)
- UXPIn

ABOUT ME

I am a full-stack developer and designer, and throughout my career I've been guided by these twin passions. I've loved coding since I was a boy writing text adventures in BASIC, and have always enjoyed the unique mix of creativity and problem-solving it requires. I have recently graduated from a coding bootcamp at Northcoders, where I've relished the challenge of mastering new, exciting technologies.

I also have over fifteen years' experience working in graphic design, creative skills I will bring to any future role, building beautiful websites and applications that excite and inform their users.

EXPERIENCE

● TRAINEE DEVELOPER • Northcoders

September 2020 - January 2021

- I am a recent graduate of Northcoders coding bootcamp, a challenging but immensely rewarding programme teaching full-stack software development using in-demand technologies, including: JavaScript and Node.js, React.js, Express and SQL.
- Throughout the course we've employed industry best-practice, including version control with Git, test-driven development, and pair-programming (in person and remote).
- **Northcoders project #1: Final project**
 - To Come
- **Northcoders project #2: NC News project**
 - To Come

● PERSONAL PROJECTS

January - September 2020

- Seeking a new challenge, I began relearning web development. This reignited my love of coding and inspired me to enrol in Northcoders.
- I completed Udemy courses in HTML, CSS and responsive design; JavaScript and DOM manipulation; After Effects and motion graphics.
- **Personal project #1: Chilli & Garlic**
 - Design and coding of a recipe search website built with HTML, CSS and JavaScript, and leveraging the FoodToFork API.
 - GitHub repo: *to come*
 - Live hosted site: *to come*

EDUCATION

NCTJ JOURNALISM

Harlow Journalism Centre

- A journalism course with a focus on magazines and accreditation by the National Council for the Training of Journalists and the Periodicals Training Council.
- Distinction grades in design, subediting, news and feature writing.

BSc COMPUTER SCIENCE

University of Nottingham

- A challenging, forward-thinking course covering concepts such as object-oriented programming, functional programming, user interface design and databases.
- Languages included Java, C++ and SQL.

3 A-LEVELS • 10 GCSES

Quinton House, Northampton

INTERESTS



Art/Design



Music



Photography



Gaming



Travel



Cycling



Literature



Writing



Cinema

EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

○ Personal project #2: Portfolio site

- A personal profile website, built with HTML, Flexbox, CSS grids and JavaScript.
- GitHub repo: *to come*
- Live hosted site: *to come*

- I also fulfilled a lifelong dream and completed my first novel.

● FREELANCE DESIGN

October 2007 – December 2019

- Freelance design for clients including Classic FM, XFM, Pan Macmillan and Chickenshed.
- The key to great design is great communication. I collaborated closely with my clients to fully understand their needs, then used attractive, considered design to deliver their message to its audience with maximum clarity and impact.
- Sole responsibility for the complete design cycle, from initial concept and design through to page layout, picture research and the production of print-ready PDFs.
- Extensive use of Photoshop to manipulate/retouch images.

● DESIGNER • Think Publishing

October 2003 – August 2007

- Design of magazines, books and advertisements for clients including the Ramblers' Association, the Campaign to Protect Rural England and the Department for Transport.
- Working individually and in collaboration with the design, editorial and advertising sales teams.

● WEBSITE DEVELOPER • Quidnunc

September 1999 – August 2002

- Key team member developing websites for clients including M&S and the University of Cambridge.
- I was also a member of the support team, dealing with challenging and often time-critical issues.
- Extensive use of HTML, SQL and Java.