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Profile

As an IT graduate with First-Class Honours from the University of West London, having recently completed a 18-month Python Web Developer program with top results and with strong and continuous interest in Web Development, Coding Languages, Computer Networking and Data Science, I am now seeking a role in an organisation which will give me the opportunity to apply and develop these skills in real working environment.

My core technical skills include Python, Django, JavaScript, Express.js, React, HTML/CSS, SQL, Linux etc.

Previously I have worked as a Health and Safety Officer, Site Person in Charge and Supervisor on a number of different projects for London Underground as well as a Graphic Designer in a daily newspaper. The experience of working in dynamic, diverse environments, the ability to solve problems and communicate successfully with various stakeholders can be transferred across and utilised for the benefit of your organisation.

Please check my portfolio web page and GitHub account.

Web Dev Projects

Artist's Web Portfolio

The raison d'être of this WordPress website is to create an online presence of an artist, my father, by presenting a comprehensive portfolio of his work. I take some pride in the fact that it is a solo effort of mine - from physically taking the photos, to editing them with Gimp, to arranging the domain name and hosting, to the actual design and deployment. It was part of the my final year project at University of West London which has been awarded "Best Project on the BSc Information Technology course".

✓ Phonotheque - share your favourite music albums

Phonotheque is a web application combining social media, online forum, data scraping and data storage features. Its objective is to act as a platform where users can share their favourite music albums and communicate with one another. The back end has been created using the Python-based framework Django. The About section provides in-depth info about the technicalities while the app itself can be tested safely and effortlessly with mock registration credentials — no personal data, including an actual email address, needs to be provided in the process. The app also has admin moderation with different levels of authorization implemented.

It is an ongoing project which I am really enthusiastic about – I am a music aficionado myself and believe that the idea has its merits. The potential for expanding it by adding new features and components, improving its design, security and functionalities is virtually unlimited.

Identification of an album which is to be added to the DB is achieved by fetching information from Wikipedia - *not the API but the actual web page*. I am well aware that this approach is far more difficult to implement and error- and omission-prone than an API search and, of course, using a spacialized music API (e.g. Spotify's) would always be the natural choice.

Eventually I will go for the practical solution but I found the experiment of building an app capable of searching actual webpage and getting relevant information form it rather interesting.

Spotify Playlist Creator

Spotify Playlist Creator is an app created with React which allows users to search Spotify's API, create a playlist by adding and removing tracks, give it a name and eventually save it to their actual Spotify account. It utilizes Implicit Grant Flow meaning that the process of logging in / obtaining JWT is carried out entirely on the client side. The app will ask the user to log in and grant access to their account (scope is limited to 'playlist-modify-private playlist-modify-public'). If approved Spotify will respond with an URL containing a hash from which an access token and related data can be derived.

Mini Reddit

Mini Reddit was created with React and react-router-dom and is extracting data from Reddit's API. The index page loads, filters and displays data (properties like "accounts_active", "subscribers", "created_utc", "public_description", "icon_img") about 19 subreddits I am following. (This initial loading process due to its nature takes a second or two, I am afraid). The user can then select a subreddit (or ALL) and sort the posts by different criteria ("Best", "Top", "Hot", "Controversial"). If a post preview <div/> is clicked a details page will be displayed, including the related user comments. Again, data will be filtered and truncated before being processed for rendering as the original json files are immense. The app offers search functionality as well, either within a specific subreddit or for all subreddits.

QuiQui (Quick Quiz)

QuiQui (Quick Quiz) is a web app build with React JS and utilizing the Open Trivia Database API. The user can create and answer a 10-question quiz by customizing its topic, difficulty and type of questions (boolean or multiple choice). Once the questions have been answered (or have been left unanswered), the app will verify the answers and count the correct ones.

Skills

- Programming Languages: Python, JS, HTML/CSS, PHP, SQL.
- ✓ Experience with Django, Express.js, React, WordPress, jQuery, testing frameworks, Adobe Creative Cloud.
 - Deep understanding of computer networks.
 - Linux and Windows user.
 - Adaptable, committed, able to deliver under pressure and in tight timescales.
 - ✓ Energetic, reliable and friendly with great communication skills.
 - Clean driving license.

UK Employment History

→ Health and Safety Officer / Site Manager / Site Person in Charge
@ Delatim, London
(May 2021 – present)

Main tasks performed:

Providing protection for Delatim workers when on London Underground infrastructure. Responsible for all aspects of health and safety on shift, including ensuring workers are not endangered by moving trains, traction current and other potential hazards.

Main responsibilities:

- ✓ Supervision of teams consisting of a varying number of colleagues.
- Producing detailed reports using Excel spreadsheets
- ✓ Taking decisions when unexpected circumstances arise
- Undertaking site inspections to ensure work is completed to expected quality standards
- Working to very tight timelines.

→ Protecting Workers on the Track - Engineering Hours

@ Cleshar, London (February 2020 – May 2021)

Main tasks performed / Main responsibilities:

(Please refer to the most recent job description)

→ PWT, Site Person in Charge and Supervisor

@ AGS, London Office (March 2010 – February 2020)

Main tasks performed / Main responsibilities:

(Please refer to the most recent job description)

Education

University of West London BSc (Hons) Information Technology

(September 2017 – June 2020)

Related Modules Covered:

- Computer Architecture
- Java Programming
- HTML & CSS
- SQL
- JavaScript & PHP
- Networks & Security
- Web & Mobile Application Security
- Databases & Analytics
- Final Year Project (won award for Best Project on the BSc Information Technology course.)

→ SoftUni – the Software University

(February 2021 – August 2022)

Modules Covered:

- Programming Fundamentals
- Python Advanced
- Python Object Oriented Programming
- Python Web Framework (Django)
- JS Advanced
- JS Applications
- Computer Networking Advanced

Hobbies & Interests

- Sports skiing, kitesurfing
- ✓ Music jazz, blues, alternative rock, extreme metal... and everything in between
- Arts music, cinema, painting
- Travelling and exploring new places and cultures