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Software Engineer and Creative Director

About Me

I'm Lewis, a software engineer with experience across financial technologies and retail. My roles to date have been predominantly Front-End focussed, though I'm always keen to take on new challenges. I'm based in Edinburgh, Scotland, and am open to working remotely with companies globally.

Alongside engineering, I built and run a successful UK-based marketing company, Pivotal | the visual media company. Find out more at getpivotal.co.uk. My creative portfolio can be found at lquinn.co.uk.

I have a Bachelor's degree with Honours in Politics, Philosophy, & Economics, which I obtained whilst working full-time.

My Skills

Front-End	Back-End/Cloud Computing	Other/Non-technical
React	AWS - studying for Certified Developer DVA-C02	Accessibility & WCAG
JavaScript	Node.js	Agile & Scrum
CSS/SASS	Express JS	CI/CD Configuration & Pipelines

My Experience

Software Engineer at Sainsbury's Bank

October 2023 - present

- Played a key role as part of an agile product team to develop and improve customer experience across web-apps for Savings and Loans. Released new features, integrated new technologies, and supported day-to-day continuity.

- Accessibility Champion for the Bank's engineering function. Worked closely across teams with stakeholders and SMEs to ensure our customers have an inclusive experience of our site. Drove best practice & upskilling of peers, also led new tech when designing and implementing front-end components.

- Built and developed skills across React, JavaScript, Rest APIs, AWS, GIT via BitBucket and Jira. Was integral to project migration from waterfall to Agile/Scrum.

Associate Software Engineer at Sainsbury's Bank

May 2022 - October 2023

- Worked as part of a close-knit Product team to deliver major improvements to the public website & content management system. Upgraded complex legacy code to futureproof the application.

- Scrum-master duties involved helping steer the direction of the project, liaising with product managers and design teams to manage expectations and ensuring impactful deliveries despite limited resource.

- Tech stack included React, JavaScript, AWS, FTL, Magnolia CMS, and CSS/SASS

Director at Pivotal | The Visual Media Company

November 2020 - present

- Built a reputable, trustworthy brand which is widely known in the marketing/productions industry across Scotland. Personally led company expansion into the rest of the UK and US markets.

- Project Managing company operations, client relations and finances. Often working to maximise the potential of strict budgets. Also coordinating campaigns and productions. Communicating with clients' marketing teams at every stage of the project.

- Motivating and driving a team of 3-25+ colleagues/sub-contractors to provide the highest quality service to clients.

- Product Management of clients' products and campaigns to secure sizable corporate orders of products. Acted as a lead consultant when devising strategies for advertising, product design, web design, and general analytics.

Store Manager at Sainsbury's

October 2019 - April 2022

- Regional Lead for Learning & Development of colleagues looking to progress their careers. I devised a structured system to ensure that management teams across the region provide training to their colleagues to achieve company objectives.

- Built store development plans to clearly map and visualise action plans which propelled performance in KPI's. Store was previously underperforming vs target; my leadership saw the store well-above all targets within a 6-month period.

- During this time, I also became a key player in the region's HR function. Managing 25-70 colleagues at any one time, my due diligence and organisational skills were recognised. I used this as an opportunity to upskill peers to support their own teams.

Co-Founder at Sygn Creative Agency

July 2018 - November 2020

- Built a successful start-up marketing company specialising in media production.

- Overseeing logistics, primary account manager, and finance handler. Developed a key base network of business people in Scotland. Executed marketing campaigns and strategies.

- Product management of our services and packages from conception to post release analysis.

My Education

BA(Hons) Politics, Philosophy, & Economics

October 2020 - May 2024

- Identified a lesser-researched topic to independently research. Following this I produced a final honours project studying the intricate link between the effects of climate change in the Arctic and international security.

- Built great working relationships with faculty staff and peers alike. Used the opportunity to learn as much as possible, in turn really fine tuning my professional and academic skillsets.

- My degree is highly versatile. Practicing Economics developed skills in detailed data analysis and numeracy. Philosophy broadened my perspectives by helping me challenge the way that I think, the rationality of my arguments, and to consider the oppositions perspective. Politics then supports when gaining stakeholder buy-in. I always present my findings in a confident, well-structured manner.

- With in person tutorials or meetings rare, studying alongside working has required me to be extremely disciplined in maximising my efficiencies. This strengthened my planning and organisational skills.

InfinityWorks Software Engineering Bootcamp (Front-End)

February 2022 - May 2022

- Ahead of joining Sainsbury's Bank as an Associate Engineer, I successfully landed myself a place on a sponsored 12-week bootcamp focussed on preparing people without tech backgrounds for their first engineering role. I was one of 12 to successfully gain a place on the program from a UK-wide pool of over 1200 applicants.

- Main deliverable was an e-commerce site which used React & AWS. The customer had to be able to browse products, edit their basket, input personal details, and receive email confirmation of their order. The app used React State, Hooks, and API requests, to build an effective user-experience. I also handled design using Figma.

- Learnt the fundamentals of how to be a great software engineer from a group of top engineers who became tutors. I was at the forefront of building a support network and made lasting connections with peers and tutors.

My Certifications

Learn JavaScript Course

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