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PERSONAL SUMMARY

I am a developer early in my career looking to challenge myself in a company where I can work with talented people and build awesome products. I have a positive attitude in life, an eagerness to learn and a passion for professional growth. I believe my previous experience in sales has enabled me to fine tune my communication and negotiation skills when dealing with people from various walks of life. Because of these qualities, I thrive working in team environments and use my skills to take a collaborative approach when solving problems. Further, my time in IT recruitment helped me to build perspective surrounding IT and business, particularly in agile environments.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Client JS frameworks with React/Redux and Vue/Vuex
- Web servers and RESTful APIs using Node.js and Express
- Relational models with SQLite3, PostgreSQL and Knex.js
- Version control using Git and Github, managing pull-requests and resolving merge conflicts
- Agile development methodologies using Scrum, Kanban, user stories and pair-programming
- Node.js TDD with Jest, Cheerio and Supertest
- Styling using HTML5 and CSS3/SASS/SCSS with BEM
- Other technologies include; Postman, Trello, Clubhouse and Slack

INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

- Understand client needs using active listening and empathy
- Detail focussed
- Empathetic team player
- Problem solving, conflict resolution and conflict prevention
- Clear and effective at technical to non-technical communication
- Confident in giving and receiving feedback
- Practiced and capable public speaker
- Effective Leadership skills

EXPERIENCE

POCKETSMITH, 07/2020 - PRESENT **DUNEDIN** — *Junior Software Engineer*

PocketSmith is a personal finance software tool that's used in over 200 countries encompassing over 15,000 users and integrating with all major banks. They specialize in personal financial forecasting using visual approaches to budgeting, with live bank feeds available for users in the US, UK and Australasia.

My role as a software engineer is to develop, design and test frontend software produced by PocketSmith while incorporating good programming techniques to ensure a stable and intuitive environment for users. As well as building new features and refactoring legacy code, I take initiative to document the use and maintenance of software through Pull Requests and Code reviews which enables me to communicate effectively in our team and provide security for our users.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Identify technical problems and communicate applicable solutions
- Design, develop and test software
- Use good programming techniques to ensure a stable software environment
- Document the use and maintenance of software and code
- Take initiative to ensure that code is of a high quality
- Maintain and improve software stack and server environment
- Provide general support to the PocketSmith team

POCKETSMITH, 07/2020 – 31/12/2020 **DUNEDIN** — *Junior Software Engineer - fixed term contract*

My purpose was to develop new software as well as update legacy code, specifically for the delivery of upcoming dashboards, income and expense rebuild and data feed integration projects. I was hired permanently after completion of my fixed term contract.

ENSPIRAL DEV ACADEMY, 11/2019 – 03/2020 **WELLINGTON** — *Graduate*

Enspiral Dev Academy is an intensive bootcamp for people transitioning their career to web and software development. Cohort members are pushed everyday to understand and build working applications for the world. We learned how to solve problems in pair-programming scenarios and gain hands-on experience with programming and web development. I completed between 700 to 800 hours of solid coding and learned to build web applications using Node, Express, React, Redux and relational models with SQLite3 and PostgreSQL. We also completed interpersonal competencies including Agile business techniques, presentations and understanding and experiencing different roles within a team. This course provided me with the skills to hit the ground running as a software developer.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Lead a team to build a working prototype called Follow My Lead in 7 days
- Take the role of Scrum Master, Product Owner, Technical Lead, Developer and Git Master
- Successfully include Auth into 2 working applications
- Completed 6 single-day group projects including server-side and client-side frameworks
- Utilize Agile business methodologies and practices

OTHER EXPERIENCE

CREW TECHNOLOGY RECRUITMENT, 06/2018 – 11/2019 **DUNEDIN** — *IT Recruitment Consultant*

COOKE HOWLISON GROUP, 03/2015 – 06/2018 **DUNEDIN** — *Sales Consultant*

FINANCIAL PLANNING LIMITED, 01/2013 – 01/2015 **DUNEDIN** — *Sales Consultant*

HOBBIES

- Craft Beer - I love an IPA with some friends and brew my own when time permits
- Learning - I am always researching or studying up on new tech in the world and find it addictive
- Sport - NBA (I'm a huge GSW fan) and watching Rugby with whanau
- Socialising - I love playing Settlers of Catan and computer games
- Coding - In my spare time I love to code and build webapps and will often tinker with different languages

EDUCATION

ENSPIRAL DEV ACADEMY, **WELLINGTON** — *Software Development Course*

11/2019 – 03/2020

INSPIRE PERFORMANCE, **DUNEDIN** – *Sales, Recruitment & Leadership Training*

01/2019 – 03/2019

VOLUNTEERING

#HackTheCrisis — 17/04/2020 - 19/04/2020 - *Full Stack Developer*

In a team of 8 people, we built and deployed a job suggestion board for people who had been made redundant due to Covid-19. My role was to thread data from a PostgreSQL database to the client side and display the suggestions based on user input. Technology used: React, Redux, Express, Node, knexORM, PostgreSQL, Heroku, HTML5, CSS3, Webpack and Babel.

NZCAF — **2012 – 2019** - *Music Technician, Volunteer & Regional Committee Member*

The national governing body for sport aerobics and hip hop. They are dedicated to the development, promotion and regulation of sports aerobics and hip hop competition by ensuring the enforcement of fair and equitable rules and procedures. They endeavour to advance the level of sports aerobics and hip hop in New Zealand from junior level to international competition.

REFERENCES

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