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Web Developer

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Profile

After graduating from my Masters, I decided to take some time out and travel Asia. I moved to Korea, where I taught English at first. While I was doing this I had a scooter accident, which made me realise that life is short and I should appreciate every day I have. I made an effort to get into jobs that I would wake up in the morning and look forward to going in to do, first at advertising agencies, then went on to do some modelling, TV work and play bass guitar in a band. I then decided to return to London and after a year back started playing with coding and ruby on the advice of many of my close friends, who described me as a 'massive geek who just didn't know it yet'. I realised it was something that I really enjoyed and that I wanted to do everyday so took steps to make this part of my life and work with my courses at GA.

Work Experience

Web Development Intensive, General Assembly Sept-Dec 2014

Making RESTful sites using a variety of frameworks, mainly Ruby on Rails. Working in an AGILE environment, attending a daily scrum and making dynamic and responsive pages using the following languages and tools; Ruby, Ruby on Rails, CSS/SASS, HTML/HAML, SQL, PostgreSQL, Sinatra, JavaScript/JQuery, AJAX, Angular, Devise/Oauth/Cancan, Heroku, Waypoints. I have some experience with TDD and Rspec, while also using Github consistently to collaborate on projects and share work.

Front End Web Development, General Assembly July-Sept 2014

My initial foray into Web Development, covering front end languages and the development of simple responsive and modern sites.

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Medical PA

2005-2006 / 2013-2014 (Medical PA)

- Communicating with doctors, other healthcare professionals and patients, regarding appointments, treatments and test results.
- Ensuring that mail correspondence was accurate and without errors.
- Being punctual with attendance and with work deadlines.

Cartel Creative, (Gangnam, Seoul)

Account Executive Assistant

18/08/12-25/10/12

- Providing creative input and designing promotions for major corporate clients such as Red Bull GmbH.
- Supporting the production team in the management and staging of large events.
- Maintaining strong client relations; managing their country-specific needs and planning publicity for events and companies.

GREY Worldwide (Apgujeong, Seoul)

Account Executive

01/03/09 - 18/01/10

- Developing new and innovative promotions for our clients, in particular Heineken International. Working as part of a team to maintain constant dialogue with our clients, ensuring a high level of customer satisfaction.
- Organising and monitoring events for clients, including the provision of detailed feedback.
- Copy editing for television and print advertisements.

Wall Street Institute (Gangnam /Samsung, Seoul)

Language Instructor

10/04/2007 - 31/12/2008

- Preparing and teaching English Language classes of varying sizes to students each week.
- Providing clear grammatical explanations and detailed language instruction to higher-level students.
- Developing teaching materials for, and coordinating, a series of classes on business English and professionalism.

Volunteer Work

British Transport Police. (South London Area)

Special Constable

01/03/2002 - 01/01/2006

- In this capacity I had the same responsibilities as salaried police officers which included:
- Enforcing British Law and Railway Bylaws in order to minimise crime and promote public safety.
- Legal reasoning and first aid.
- Documenting cases and accurate accurate record-keeping at the standard required to be admissible in a court of law.
- Working as part of a team of officers to discharge these responsibilities effectively.

2005 - 2006 MSc. Medical Parasitology London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (United Kingdom)

I completed modules aimed at understanding the biology, life-cycles, pathogenesis and diagnosis of parasitic infections in humans. This included their relevance for human health and strategies for control. As part of this degree I completed a two-month project in Tanzania, in conjunction with the Natural History Museum, focusing on Ascaris lumbricoides and comparing the efficacies of Albendazole treatment versus Levamisole on soil transmitted helminth infections.

2002 - 2005 BSc. (Honours) Environmental Science (2:2) Kings College London, University of London (United Kingdom)

I studied a range of courses, including Pharmacology, Environmental Law and Animal Behaviour, with additional language components in Japanese. Through my studies I developed sound knowledge of basic laboratory techniques.

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A-Level Qualifications

Chemistry, Biology, Physics, General Studies (BCDD)

Languages

English (Primary)
Korean (Spoken and written to an intermediate level)
Japanese (Super rusty after Korea)

Activities and Hobbies

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Playing;
PlayStation (especially as a winter cold avoidance method)
My double bass and bass guitar (badly)
With Unity

Going;
To the gym
To track days and car racing events
On road trips

Eating(and baking);
Lots and lots of Nutella, which probably doesn't count as a skill, so I removed it from my skills and put it here as it is definitely a hobby of mine. Baking cakes, especially cheesecakes.
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References