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Developer

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About me

I came to web development in January 2016 as a complete beginner. While completing the Enspiral Dev Academy bootcamp, I discovered my love of coding and made it my goal to become the best developer possible.
What excites me the most about web development is the possibility of solving complex problems through creativity and connecting with the world around us. As a recent graduate, I want to continue my learning trajectory in a new career and bring my love of people and problem-solving to the role.

WEB DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE

Enspiral Dev Academy (EDA)
Web Developer in training
Jan 2016 - Jun 2016
An intensive web development course involving 9 weeks of remote part-time study and 12 weeks of bootcamp style accelerated learning, which focused on:

Functional programming	**TDD**
MVC / MVW	**Unit / integration**
Object Orientated	**testing**
HTML5, CSS3	**Pair programming**
Responsive design	**Engineering empathy**
Agile development	

PROJECTS

Tandem - *Ride sharing app to connect travellers around New Zealand*
Link: http://tandem-nz.herokuapp.com
Git: https://github.com/Tandem-NZ/tandem
I pitched this idea to my class mates who chose to develop it as our final, five-day group project.
As product owner I ensured every team member felt comfortable working on components which aligned with their learning objectives. I also wrote the search functionality allowing users to search a database of available rides, took on the role of 'Gitmaster' and defined our Gitflow, as well as writing unit and integration tests using the testing modules Tape, Nightwatch and Selenium.

Tongue - *Language pronunciation app to help new migrants*
Link: http://tongue123.herokuapp.com
Git: https://github.com/maxine-ellah/Tongue
Users can browse through a database of commonly used words and are provided with an image and sound clip which repeats the word. Learners of all ages can practice at their own pace and improve their language skills through repetition.

Bored Banana - *Food expiration app to help cut down food wastage*
Link: https://bored-banana.herokuapp.com
Git: https://github.com/maxine-ellah/Bored-Banana
This was the first personal project I made at EDA, and I gained a great deal of confidence in using technologies I had learned, in practice. Building the project gave me a solid understanding of the Express.js server, client-side rendering with Superagent and the Handlebars templating engine.

KEY SKILLS

Collaboration
Working with diverse groups of people is something I love and get satisfaction from seeing things grow from working as part of a team.

Empathy & communication
Understanding and being in tune with the people around me is something I take pride in. It has enabled me to work well with others and form strong connections.

Creativity
The best solutions come from unconventional ideas and I enjoy using my creativity to solve complex problems.

Fast learner
I have a proven ability to grasp challenging concepts fast and thrive in environments where learning is continuous.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Node.js, NPM	RESTful APIs
JavaScript (ES5/ES6)	Express
Asynchronous programming	React.js
HTML, CSS	Heroku deployment
AngularJS	Nightwatch
jQuery	Selenium
SQL	Tape
PostgreSQL	OAuthentication
Github	Sublime Text, Atom

EDUCATION

Bachelor In Creative Technologies
Dec 2008 – Nov 2011
WelTec

A 3-year degree which focused on the development of technical skills in Design and Visual Arts.
Portfolio: https://maxine-ellah.github.io/art

INTERESTS

Indian cooking	Hip-hop
Yoga & kickboxing	Tattoos
Illustration & collage	Good action films
Languages	

EMPLOYMENT

Xero
Graduate Developer
Feb 2017 - Present
A year long program in which I rotate through four different areas of the Banking team: Quality Assurance, DevOps, Back End and Front End.

New Zealand Treasury
Human Resources Administrator
Dec 2016
Provided support to the Learning Advisor in preparing course materials for the new grads and interns.

New Zealand Red Cross
Humanitarian Services Administrator
Sept 2016 - Oct 2016
Provided practical operational support as part of the National Programmes Development Team to enable the development and implementation of team projects and events in the Refugee Resettlement area.

IHC
Volunteer
Sept 2015 – Sept 2016
Enjoy providing friendship and support to young people with intellectual disabilities.

Space Furniture Group
Warehouse Administrator
Jan 2015 - Sept 2015
Worked as part of a small team to deliver large volumes of furniture across Australia and internationally. Scheduled deliveries with clients to meet strict deadlines and assisted them with detailed information on hundreds of products. Responsible for verifying all financial transactions and reporting the company's revenue at the end of each month.

New Zealand Transport Agency
Personal Assistant & Technical Assistant
May 2013 – Sept 2013
Assisted the Pavements manager and his team by preparing PowerPoint presentations for weekly meetings, reconciled monthly work expenses and arranged international travel, including accommodation and conference registration. Helped with new website for NZTA manuals including creation of layouts and proofreading.

REFEREES
Available on request