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FRONT END DEVELOPER

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Hello. I am a front end web developer with over ten years experience of building websites used by millions of people. I care about crafting a web that looks good, loads fast & works everywhere, for everyone.

Working Experience



July 13 - Nov 14

Contracting Front End Developer

I joined a small team of developers four months after FutureLearn was founded when the user base quickly grew to over 250,000 registered users in private beta. In Oct 2014, after just one year live, FutureLearn is fast approaching 1.5 million enrolments.

The product is built in Ruby on Rails, using HAML and SASS on the front end. We worked using Scrum to gain real-time feedback from beta users to continually iterate the product. I was one of two contracting Front Enders who helped build a scalable, modular, front end architecture which the maturing team can now inherit and build upon further.

- Worked with other developers to create a consistent Pattern Library.
- Collaborated closely with design/UX team to produce mobile first designs.
- Developed prototypes with UX team for user testing.
- Worked with automated testing to ensure QA and confidence in stability.
- Using Continuous Integration to deploy on average 5 times a day
- Heavily involved in recruitment process for full-time front-end team



June 12 - July 13

Senior Front End Developer

At Other Media I was leading a small front end team helping them transition to a more agile way of working (Scrum) to deliver high profile responsive projects for large enterprise clients such as Paul Smith and smaller high impact projects for highly visible clients such as Jasper Conran.

I was also involved in pitching for new work, initiating weekly 'Learning Lunches' to encourage knowledge share and prototyping for projects such as Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2013.



Client Side Developer / Web Developer

June 12 - July 13

I worked at the BBC for just under 5 years in total, progressing from a Junior Client Side Developer in 2007 at BBC Switch to spending my last eighteen months on the BBC iPlayer team.

In this role, I worked within a large project team to deliver continuous improvements and features to the BBC's high profile TV & iPlayer website.

I worked in an Agile team of ~10 developers, and was required to produce high performing, well written, object oriented code on a daily basis.

Working closely with my Project Manager, designers, other developers and testers within two week release cycles, I help shape new features and improvements that enhanced the user experience for the millions of visitors that hit BBC iPlayer each week.

We were one of the first teams within the BBC to embrace responsive, launching the Channels websites just before I left in June 2012, which went on to be the foundation for the revamped iPlayer site as it is today.

In my five years, I also spent eighteen months on attachment to BBC Northern Ireland in Belfast where I had responsibility of supporting a large portfolio of legacy sites within a small technical team.

Other achievements of note include producing live events sites for BBC Radio 1 and I also worked on high visibility products such as Human Planet, Battle of Britain and the Royal Wedding.

Education



Awarded 2:1 in BSc (Hons) Interactive Multimedia Design

Professional Development

I like to keep a close key on industry trends and best practice by attending regular meet-ups like *London Web & Web Standards*.

I'm currently participating in a FutureLearn online course - *Introduction to Cyber Security*.

References

Several past colleagues have taken time to leave peer recommendations on my LinkedIn profile. You can view these by connecting with me here:

<http://brymge.net/li-refs>