

James Middleton

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Full-stack Software Engineer with 5+ years of experience building scalable web applications. Specialized in React, Node.js, and cloud infrastructure (AWS, Azure). Proven track record of optimizing high-traffic systems and implementing Infrastructure as Code (IaC) with Terraform/OpenTofu. Passionate about DevOps practices, code quality, and delivering intuitive user experiences.

Completed a career break renovating my first home, and eager to return to building great software.

Skills

Languages & Frameworks: TypeScript, React, React Native, Vue.js, Node.js, Fastify, GraphQL

Cloud & DevOps: AWS, Azure, Turborepo, GitHub Actions, CI/CD, Docker, Terraform, OpenTofu, Kubernetes

Databases: PostgreSQL, MongoDB, Microsoft SQL Server (MSSQL), Redis

Testing & Tools: Jest/Vitest, Playwright, Cypress, Percy (Visual Regression), Git

Experience

Software Engineer, Low6 – Remote

Dec 2024 – Sep 2025

Tech: React, React Native, Node.js, Fastify, MSSQL, PostgreSQL, Redis, GitHub Actions, OpenTofu, Azure

- Scaled BBC Champions League Squares to 100k req/s with Redis caching and optimised MSSQL stored procedures, meeting strict BBC accessibility (WCAG 2.2 AA) and BBC Global Experience Language (GEL) design system requirements
- Contributed to ITV's The Spin Off, a React Native daily quiz app that reached #3 in Entertainment on the UK App Store, building the Redis-backed leaderboard microservice and working across quiz logic and architecture
- Built auth integration and infrastructure for Fantasy Hockey World, repackaging existing game platforms with new theming and features
- Developed an interactive command-line interface (CLI) tool to migrate frontends from Netlify to Azure Static Websites, allowing colleagues to quickly migrate variables and secrets to GitHub
- Initiated Infrastructure as Code (IaC) driven Azure Key Vault permissions for App Services via OpenTofu; educated the team on best practices and introduced format-on-save via pre-commit with CI validation and linting

Software Engineer, IMG ARENA – Remote

Nov 2021 – Jul 2024

Tech: React, GraphQL, Cypress, RxJS, Node.js, GitHub Actions, Kubernetes, Terraform, AWS

- Co-architected the department's Turborepo + pnpm monorepo (4 frontends + backend), maintained Git history, optimised code sharing, CI/CD, linting, versioning, and releases
- Extended the Golf product to support DP World Tour and LPGA, adapting backend data handling for tournament nuances
- Built detailed SVG stat visualisations (radial dials, bar charts) for the tournament stats feature consumed by broadcast and digital clients
- Developed an internal demo tool enabling sales to showcase products to prospective clients, contributing to a 30% increase in sales-qualified leads
- Revamped theming to enable \$1M+ Golf partnership with FanDuel, retaining compatibility with existing themes
- Deployed Content Security Policy (CSP) across 4 frontends with DataDog reporting to mitigate Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) risks

Software Engineer (Contractor), Scroller – Remote

Jun 2021 – Sep 2021

Tech: React, MobX, GraphQL

- Increased the rate of new premium subscriptions by 30% by redesigning UI elements to create clearer calls to action

Junior Software Developer, Community Brands UK – Remote

Dec 2020 – Jun 2021

Tech: React, PrimeReact, C#.NET, Pascal, MSSQL, Azure Cosmos DB

- Built a health reporting dashboard in React with a C#.NET backend to monitor Xporter daemons deployed across 18,000+ school Management Information System (MIS) environments

Solutions Engineer (Contractor), ProVQ – Hybrid (Shrewsbury)

Jan 2019 – Apr 2019

Tech: Vue.js, Feathers.js, Feathers-Vuex, MongoDB, Mongoose, Node.js, Cloudflare, Vultr VPS

- Managed end-to-end delivery of a full-stack apprentice screening platform as sole developer for an automotive training provider partnered with Toyota, Porsche and John Deere — gathering requirements and liaising directly with company directors to replace their paper-based process
- Built a configurable test engine with a staff portal for applicant management, integrating with the PICS Learner Management System (LMS) to automatically enrol successful applicants
- Increased processed applications by 500% and successful applicants by 150%

Education

Loughborough University, Computer Science BSc (Hons)

Oct 2016 – Jul 2020

- Earned a Diploma in Professional Studies (DPS) by successfully delivering the ProVQ screening platform

Projects

Sykes Cottages Owner Calendar

github.com/midzdotdev/sykes-owner-calendar

Tech: Cheerio, Node.js, iCal, Vercel

- Built a serverless Node.js application that scrapes booking data from Sykes Cottages and serves it as an iCal feed for property owners