



Hey, I'm James.
I make websites.

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Experience

Molovo

Mar 2009 - Present

Freelance Web Designer

Molovo is the name of my freelance web design business. Working mainly with small businesses and freelancers, as well as creating my own products, I'm passionate about empowering users through simple, responsive, accessible design.

Ministry Of Defence

Oct 2010 - May 2013

Database Administrator

Responsible for the MOD's self-service human resources application and database, in two years I transformed this system into one that is largely self-supporting, including automated backups, environment refreshes, disaster recovery and server housekeeping.

Also delivered secondary technical support and monitoring for ~100 other databases within the organisation.

Ministry Of Defence

May 2008 - Oct 2010

Computer Aided Instruction Classroom Administrator

As administrator of the Royal School of Artillery's IT training classrooms, I was responsible for the maintenance, upkeep and improvement of the bespoke hardware and software within the classrooms, allowing the school to provide training to over 5000 soldiers a year.

Open Source

Having worked with computers all my life - from building my first PC with my father at the age of 11, to my first website aged 17, and on to my current career as a Web Designer - I thoroughly enjoy the evolving challenges posed by technology, and love nothing more than getting stuck into some code. This is demonstrated through the large number of Open Source contributions I have made, which can be viewed on my [Github](#) and [Bitbucket](#) profiles.

Here are some of my more notable projects:

Melody	a CSS grid framework. A new version is in the works and can be found here .
Wilde	a PHP based Content Management System [WIP].
Validator	A JavaScript port of Laravel's excellent validation mechanism, for use on the front end.
Dates	A HTML date input Polyfill for use in browsers which do not support the native HTML5 date field.
Route	A very lightweight JavaScript route matching script.
Bushwick	A Wordpress theme, which I designed and developed for Anchor CMS, and was ported to Wordpress by Automattic. Currently the 139th most popular theme on Wordpress.com, having received over 26,000 downloads in its first year.

Skills

As well as a keen eye for design, I have experience with high level development in the following languages:

HTML	including templating engines such as Jade, HAML, Handlebars, Mustache and Laravel Blade
CSS	including SASS, LESS, Roole and Stylus
JavaScript	including jQuery and Backbone, and some Node.js with the Express and Sails frameworks
PHP	including the Laravel and Nano frameworks

Education

A Levels

Sep 2006 - Jun 2007

A Level Maths
AS Level Physics
AS Level English Literature

GCSE

Sep 2004 - Jun 2006

14 Grade A* - C

Additional Training

Oracle DBA Part 1 Jan 2012

Hobbies And Interests

A keen squash player, rugby fan and guitarist, my interests convey both my competitive and creative natures.