

## Michael Topping

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### Personal Profile:

Extremely hardworking and motivated individual looking for an opportunity to start a career as a developer. Teaching myself in my own free time, I am continually developing my programming knowledge. Initially using C#, I intend to expand into and become familiar with all languages and technologies contained in the .NET Framework. I am enthusiastic to learn and better myself through experience, as well as learn from those I may work with. I am always driven to put the full amount of effort I can into my job.

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### Employment:

#### **Database Administrator**

Personal Telephone Fundraising Ltd, Brighton

June 2014 - Present

As a database administrator, my primary tasks include cleansing, managing and reporting on data received from various clients, as well as acting as first-line I.T support for fundraising staff. I use MS Visual FoxPro, SQL and MSSQL Server Management Studio foremost; however I also use VBA for writing applications that benefit the team by making various procedures easier and quicker to complete. Working in my current role has furthered my interest in pursuing a career as a developer, as my time learning and using VBA felt the most rewarding and enjoyable.

#### Responsibilities:

- Data cleansing using Microsoft Visual FoxPro
- Data querying and manipulation in SQL Server Management Studio
- Reporting and providing an overview of datasets in Microsoft Excel
- Macro writing in Visual Basic
- Provide I.T. support for fundraising staff
- Prepare and send statistical data reports to various clients
- In-house application and script writing (VBA and SQL)
- Creation of ad hoc reports for management staff
- Assist with the training of new DBA staff in various procedures

#### **Customer Assistant**

Tesco Express, Worthing

September 2006 - June 2014

#### **Customer Assistant**

Sainsbury's, Worthing

November 2003 - June 2005

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**Education:**                      **University of Brighton    2010 - 2012**  
BA (Hons) Business Information Systems - 2:1

**Areas of Study:**

- Web Application Development
- Databases and data handling
- IT Project Management
- Information Systems Management
- Networking Technologies
- Systems Analysis and Design
- Managing the E-Enterprise
- System Development and Methods in Practice
- Individual project involving the development of a database driven e-commerce website

**Northbrook College Sussex    2008 - 2010**  
Foundation Degree in Computing - Pass

**Worthing College, Durrington    2004 - 2007**  
A-levels in History, Psychology and I.T.  
AS Level in Critical Thinking.

**St. Andrews High School, Worthing    2000 - 2004**  
7 GCSE's including Maths (B), English (C), Science (C)

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**Technical Skills:**              **Skills in C#**

- Understand the principles of and can use Object-Oriented Programming.
- Console applications.
- WinForms.
- Some experience with LINQ.
- Knowledge of MVC architecture.
- Knowledge of the Entity Framework, including 'Model First' and 'Code First' approaches.

**Additional Skills**

- SQL, MySQL, MSSQL Server
- Familiar with CSS, HTML and Visual Basic
- Microsoft Visual Studio
- Microsoft Visual FoxPro
- Microsoft Office applications

**Personal Skills:**              - Able to work effectively in a team

- Proficient and creative problem solving skills
- Confident public speaker with good written communication skills
- A quick learner with the ability to take on new initiatives
- Good time management and prioritising skills.

**Interests:**                      I enjoy coding in my free time, as well as gaming, the internet and playing the guitar. I also enjoy running and playing basketball.

**References:**                    I am happy to provide references upon request.