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SOFTWARE DEVELOPER

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Skills and Experience

Programming Languages	Scala, Python, TypeScript, LaTeX
Back-End Development	Scala (Typelevel Stack, Play Framework) RESTful APIs, Functional Programming
Front-End Development	React, Next.js, Play Framework, Tailwind CSS, HTML, CSS
Monitoring Tools	Grafana, Kibana, Splunk
DevOps	Docker, GitHub Actions, Jenkins
Database & Data Management	PostgreSQL, MongoDB
Miscellaneous	Git/Github Version control, Jira, Confluence, Vim, Ubuntu, macOS, Various IDEs
Languages	English (Native), Chinese - Simplified (Intermediate), Chinese - Traditional/Cantonese (Fluent)

Work Experience

Capgemini

SCALA DEVELOPER

Telford, England

Jan. 2021 - Present

- Developed various microservices for HMRC services, ensuring accessibility, performance, and compliance with UK GDS government standards.
- Some tools used: Scala, Gatling, Selenium, proprietary libraries, Cats, Functional Programming, Play Framework, MongoDB.
- Service enhancements across different domains and on a variety of microservices: Covid Furlough Scheme, Income Tax, View and Change, Tobacco & Alcohol Customs Duty, Charities Registration, Gov Gateway/SCP and others etc.
- Collaborated across teams, contributing to product development and live service maintenance.
- Improved code quality and maintainability in Live services and current build project.
- Improved and maintained automated testing tools and codebases, enhancing End-to-End and Performance Load tests.
- Integrated in-house libraries, including encryption utilities and NoSQL Mongo-based backend tools, ensuring security and scalability.
- Resolved critical production issues in legacy systems, improving reliability and performance.
- Resolved issues using real-time monitoring and error diagnostics with Kibana for system stability.
- Analyzed and reverse-engineered live systems for better documentation, onboarding and bug fixing.
- Mentored new hires and contractors, promoting knowledge sharing and best practices.

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JUNIOR CONSULTANT

Leeds, England

Jan. 2019 - Dec. 2021

- A test/software consultancy, completed training in Software Development, Testing and Agile methodologies before being send out to clients.
- Completed training in Agile, Git, Java, JUnit, JMeter, Selenium, weekly tests and other technologies.
- Studied Python independently for 7 months, exploring various libraries in the ecosystem and tooling.
- Earned ISTQB Testing Foundation 2019 and BCS Business Analysis 2019 certifications.
- Developed a web scraper, CNN using Keras API, studied ML/deep learning, and basic programming concepts.
- Transitioned to Capgemini/HMRC for Scala-based projects.

Freelance / Miscellaneous

VARIOUS PART-TIME JOBS

Various Locations

Jan. 2014 - Dec. 2019

Certificates

2019 **BCS Business Analysis**, British Computer Society

2019 **ISTQB Foundation**, ISTQB

Self-Study / Pet Projects

FRONTEND & BACKEND DEVELOPMENT

- Attempted to delve into a distributed full-stack application using Next.js, Scala Typelevel stack, and PostgreSQL.
- Learned about Docker, Docker network, DockerCLI, docker-compose, and Traefik.
- Learned about Next.js/React in general.
- Learned a bit about Jwt, cookies and auth session and NextAuth.
- Developed proficiency in Typescript.
- Learned and utilised Github Actions.
- Explored and integrated various libraries within the React ecosystem, gaining hands-on experience in state management, component design, and API integration.
- Successfully utilised Tailwind CSS utility classes to streamline styling and improve user experience.
- Built a backend using the Scala Typelevel stack, leveraging functional programming paradigms for robust and scalable applications.
- Utilized the Tagless Final pattern, improving abstraction, modularity, and testing capabilities within Scala-based microservices.
- Use Postgresql to develop proficiency in SQL, creating table schemas, handling data creation using flyway.

RUST PROGRAMMING

- Completed the Rustlings exercises, gaining foundational knowledge and experience in Rust.
- Explored Rust's type system, pattern matching, and error handling, applying these concepts in small-scale projects.
- Gained experience working with Rust's ecosystem, including Cargo package management, unit testing.

SCALA PROGRAMMING

- Explored the wider ecosystem outside of proprietary HMRC tools, such as Typelevel stack, various libraries such as Scalacheck, Pureconfig, WeaverTests to name a few.
- Further improved my understanding of functional programming researching Category Theory, Tagless Final and reading various material on Effect Systems and FP
- Explored and studied some category theory for the basis of functional programming
- Familiar with the native library, practicing within my own repositories and making notes on new concepts

PYTHON PROGRAMMING

- Created a playground library called Boxcat hosted on Pypl. Essentially it was to be able to write Python in a functional Scala fashion.
- Early career built a webscraper, CNN and played with various libraries such as Scikit, Pandas, Matplotlib and Seaborn.
- Early career studied basic programming concepts and syntax.

LATEX PROGRAMMING

- Helped develop a friends Phd Thesis, working on styling and formatting code, fixing document bugs and reviewing content.
- Learned a lot about using Latex, Nix/Nix shell and Vim

Education

Cardiff University

BSC 3 YEARS BIOCHEMISTRY 2:2

Cardiff, Wales

Sept. 2014 - Aug. 2017

St Teilo's Church in Wales Highschool

A LEVELS

Cardiff, Wales

Sept. 2012 - Aug. 2014

- ABBBa - Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Further Mathematics

St Teilo's Church in Wales Highschool

GCSES

Cardiff, Wales

Sept. 2008 - Aug. 2012

- 4 A* - Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Chinese
- 4 A - Including Mathematics and English Language
- 4 B - Various subjects