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SOFTWARE DEVELOPER

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Detail-oriented software engineer with a BSc in Computer Science from Queen's University Belfast, and hands-on experience developing web applications, component libraries and microservices in Agile teams.

Strong foundations in Java, TypeScript, React, automated testing, CI/CD and cloud-deployed services.

Experienced in refactoring code, improving test coverage, performing data quality checks and collaborating across multi-disciplinary and global teams to deliver production-grade software.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Intern Software Engineer | Jun 2023 - Jun 2024

Liberty IT, Belfast

- Developed and documented a frontend component library using TypeScript & Angular, producing 30+ reusable UI components to standardise front-end delivery and reduce development duplicated work.
- Refactored and extended the automated Jasmine test suite, adding 100+ unit tests and raising coverage by ~35%, improving release confidence and reducing regression incidents.
- Performed code reviews and implemented refactoring tasks to improve maintainability and adherence to engineering standards.
- Architected and deployed serverless Product Definition microservices using AWS Lambda, ensuring a fault-tolerant, low-latency distributed system for component hosting.
- Configured and optimised CI/CD pipelines in Atlassian Bamboo, reducing build times by 30%.
- Participated in Agile meetings, such as daily stand-ups, sprint planning and PI summaries, and presented to Product Owners and stakeholders to align delivery with business objectives.
- Implemented application performance monitoring with Datadog APM to speed up incident diagnosis and feed performance data into engineering improvements.

EDUCATION

BSc in Computer Science (2:1) | Sep 2021 - Jul 2025

Queen's University Belfast

- **Final Year Project:** Built a Python application to crawl and analyse financial news using BeautifulSoup, Pandas and Alpha Vantage; researched optimal keyword strategies and integrated time-series data visualisations.
- **Software Engineering & Systems Development:** Collaborated in an Agile team of 5 to manage sprints and build a Java-based sustainability simulation; shortlisted as Team Finalists for Engineers Without Borders 2023.
- **Web Technologies:** Created interactive and responsive web applications in a five-person Agile team.
- **Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning:** Developed an image-classification model in R for automated image recognition and categorisation.
- **Software Testing:** Designed comprehensive black-box and white-box test plans and suites for an existing system.
- **Cloud Computing:** Implemented and deployed six microservices in different languages on a Kubernetes cluster, integrating them with a provided web front end.
- **Database Systems:** Designed database schemas using MySQL to query large-scale existing systems, and build new systems with provided datasets.

SKILLS

Programming Languages

Java, TypeScript, JavaScript, Python, SQL, HTML5, CSS, R

Frameworks

React, Angular, Kafka, Spring Boot, Node.js, NPM, Jasmine, Maven, Pandas, FastAPI, EmailJS

Tools & DevOps

GitHub/GitLab, Atlassian Bamboo, JIRA, Docker, Kubernetes, AWS Lambda, Rancher, Datadog

Soft Skills

Agile Methodology, Scrum, Teamwork, Team Leadership, Presentation Delivery

PROJECTS

Personal Website

<https://www.nickparke.co.uk>

- Built with React, HTML, CSS, and JavaScript, managed via NPM.
- Multi-page personal portfolio website featuring a landing page, web and downloadable CVs, a Contact page connected to an EmailJS inbox, and links to LinkedIn and GitHub profiles.
- Focused on responsive web design with distinct mobile-only behaviour and custom desktop styling, and showcasing performance focus through content caching in Cloudflare.

Telemetrix, Racing Telemetry App

<https://github.com/nick-p-34/telemetrix>

- Built with Java, Spring Boot, Kafka and H2 for Oracle SQL, managed via Maven.
- Personal motorsport telemetry pipeline, which ingests data from an external CSV, streaming events through Kafka, and producing a lightweight leaderboard and session summary of the data.
- Focused on performance through the use of a cached GET layer to retrieve persisted data from the H2 database and serve it in a leaderboard.

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Motorsport UK Circuit Racing Licence

National C Licence, 2024

- Accredited by the Motorsport UK governing body, underscoring commitment to discipline, rules-based performance, and attention to detail under competitive conditions.

Engineers Without Borders

Team Finalist, 2023

- Selected among top student teams nationwide to develop a sustainable engineering solution, presenting our Java-based e-bike network simulation concept at the UK finals.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Silver Award, 2019

- Volunteered at Blythwood Ireland, learned Italian, maintained fitness through regular swimming, and completed a 3-day expedition, demonstrating commitment, teamwork and leadership.

Boys' Brigade Queen's Badge

Youth Leadership, 2019

- Achieved the highest youth leadership award, leading team activities and organising community service projects, becoming a Non-Commissioned Officer in the largest company in the Battalion.