

NEIL CAMERON

TECH | PRODUCT | TEAMS

Profile: I'm a full stack entrepreneur that gets a kick out of building meaningful products, growing teams and bringing out the best in coworkers. I've worked across the full spectrum of tech product development from customer engagement, defining user stories and running the agile process, through to system architecture, development, overseeing testing and hosting. I have extensive background in development including Ruby on Rails, Angular, PHP and Drupal. I also enjoy the human aspects: hiring, mentoring and performance management. I'm looking for opportunities where I can add significant value by helping to build a key product, business and team.

Employment: 2016 - present, Founder, Twivel

Creating a platform for building and managing Apple TV apps. Twivel's mission is to empower the next wave of video creators and get their content out of laptops and onto the television. I am the sole founder, developer and biz dev guy. Twivel is built on RoR, tvOS and TVML. (<https://twivel.tv>)

2015 - Present, Technical consultant, Independent.

I work with organisations large and small to build tech products with a meaningful impact. Typical projects involve feature definition, project / budget management, web development and working with diverse team members e.g. designers, front end devs, devops, project sponsors and end users. (<https://neilcameron.me>)

2010 - 2015, Cofounder and director of technology, Cameron & Wilding.

Cofounded and built C&W into a 12 person, £1m revenue, drupal development agency. Responsible for recruiting, performance management, winning new work, building culture, project management, senior stakeholder communication, technical architecture and promoting quality. (<http://cameronandwilding.com>)

2008 - 2010, Freelance drupal developer

Worked with a mix of enterprise and non-profit organisations doing full stack drupal development. Clients included Lexis Nexis and Center for Economic and Policy Research. Predominately used Drupal and PHP

2007 - 2008, Lead developer Dia Diwan.

Built and maintained website for London based, Middle Eastern fashion ecommerce startup. Worked directly with founder and technical director. Built with Drupal and PHP.

2006 - 2010, Cofounder and lead developer, Huitalk.

Built a social network for language learners to meet language exchange partners and teachers. At its peak it had 3000 members and an active community. Built with Drupal and PHP.

2006 - 2007, English teacher, in Buenos Aires and Madrid.

Taught small groups of adults business English. Clients included Bosch, Schrodgers and Korean buddhist nuns. Learnt Spanish to advanced level.

2005 - 2006, Business Analyst, Accenture.

Accepted into graduate scheme. Mainly worked in PMO for rollout of Windows XP across all branches, offices and ATMs in Lloyds Banking Group.

2001 - 2002, Volunteer English teacher, Project Trust.

Taught conversational English to classes of 40+ high students in rural Thailand. Learnt intermediate Thai and gained admission directly to 2nd year of undergraduate degree at SOAS.

Recent projects:

2015 Q3 - 2015 Q4, Information management system, Earthport plc.

Architected and built an information management system for fast growing fintech (global payments) company. Worked with subject matter experts to define data model and workflow in a consultative manner. Developed and built backend, frontend and data migration from multiple sources.

2014 Q4 - 2015 Q2, Daily Telegraph iPad app, Telegraph Media Group.

Architected and built a publishing platform used to produce the daily iPad edition. Worked with stakeholders to design and build the CMS workflow and information architecture. Used the Pulp SDK to integrate with a freestanding iPad app.

2014 Q2 - 2014 Q4, Economist Espresso app, The Economist.

Architected and built a publishing platform for the Economist's daily news app, Espresso. Worked with editorial and technical stakeholders to create user stories, run an agile development process and develop the backend functionality. The CMS integrated with finance APIs to pull in financial data and also acted as the end point for a freestanding app. Used Pantheon and AWS to create an infrastructure that supports hundreds of thousands of daily downloads.

2013 Q2 - 2014 Q2, Financial Services Intranet, Undisclosed financial services company.

Architected, project managed and acted as tech lead on five person project over 9 months to develop an advanced intranet for finance professionals to log M&A deals, work collaboratively and identify experts to work on new deals. Project involved data migration, data sanitisation, advanced Apache Solr and rich javascript interfaces.

Education:

2007 - 2008, MA (merit), Economics and Politics of Latin America.

University College London, Institute of the Americas, London.

2002 - 2005, BA (2:1), Thai Language and the Study of Religions.

School of Oriental and African Studies, London.

Technology checklist: Ruby on Rails, Angular JS, Drupal, OO PHP, HTML5, Bootstrap, SASS
AWS (EC2, S3, Cloudfront, Route53, IAM), MySQL, jQuery, javascript, bash,
tvOS, TVML, Linux, Apache, Solr, GIT, SVN, JSON, XML, Selenium.

Interests: My current obsession is learning judo which is incredibly hard work but immensely satisfying. I'm still training and teaching aikido, which I've been doing for the last 15 years, reaching 2nd dan black belt. I attend a few meetups every month to keep up with what's new and interesting. I founded the London drupal meetup 6 years ago and grew it to 1000 members, we still meet every month. In the spare time I have left, I like tinkering with new technologies and libraries.

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References: On request.