Ollie Church / Software Engineer

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Current Role

Software Engineer   Jan 2023 - present
Salary Finance

Fintech company building responsible financial products and educational resources.

- ☐ Spearhead key projects as feature lead, ensuring timely delivery through full-stack proficiency (C#, .Net, Vue, Typescript, AWS) for revenue growth.
- ☐ Collaborate in cross-functional teams, utilising Agile frameworks to meet and exceed business requirements.
- ☐ Minimised production issues, achieving a significant 98.8% decrease in customer application faults backlog.
- ☐ Create user-friendly documentation to enhance knowledge-sharing & productivity.

Junior Software Dev   Apr 2022 - Dec 2022
Promoted with 'Outstanding' performance review

Maxwell Mysteries

Interactive, play-at-home puzzle game series following the cases of a 1930s detective. First two in the series available to purchase from Paradox Parlours Escape Rooms.

- ☑ React Application
- ☑ Custom CSS
- ☑ API Calls
- ☑ React Router
- ☑ Responsive Design
- ☑ Finished Product

750+ users, ~£8500 of profit and **5 star reviews**.
Play the demo at **mysteries-demo.co.uk**

A Little About Me

Puzzle-addict, self-taught software engineer with a successful two-year journey navigating a complex coding landscape.

Drawing from my love of escape rooms, I've learned to search for the right tools, communicate effectively with my team, and always opt for straightforward solutions in software engineering. It's not just about the code; it's about navigating challenges with a strategic mindset and fostering effective teamwork.

See more at OllieChurch.co.uk

`Vue` `Javascript` `HTML` `CSS` `React` `Bootstrap` `Vuetify`
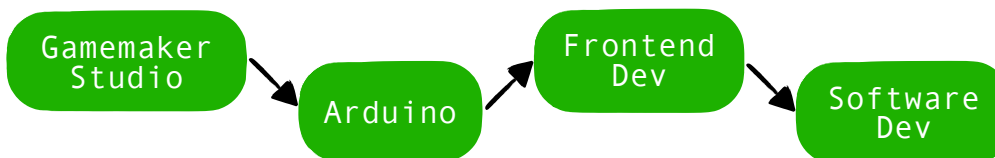`C#` `Typescript` `MySQL` `.Net` `Jira` `Git Hub` `AWS`

Learning To Code

On a cold February night in 2019 I wrote my first line of code. It moved a cartoon cat head across a blank screen.

Gamemaker Studio → Arduino → Frontend Dev → Software Dev

Along side my own google-fuelled, experimental projects, I completed the **Scrimba** *Frontend Developer Career Path*. I spoke with Alex Booker about my career change on the **Scrimba Podcast**.

Other Education

University Of Surrey	East Norfolk Sixth Form	Hobart High School
1st Class BA(Hons) Acting	3 A Levels (A - B) 1 AS Level	11 GCSEs (A * - B)

Operations Manager
Paradox Parlours
2018 - 2022

An entertainment company providing live escape experiences, puzzle trails and online games.

- [ ] Ensured excellent customer service from a growing team. Boosted 5 star TripAdvisor ratings from ~100 to 750+, at a 5 to 4 star ratio of 75:1. There are no ratings less than 4 stars.
- [ ] Expanded team from 3 to 11 people. Devised training programme for quick and effective onboarding.
- [ ] Created electronic puzzles using Arduino code and debugging existing code (Arduino and Javascript).
- [ ] Co-ordinated '*by appointment*' corporate and group bookings to fit client requirements. This included invoicing.

Acting Tutor & Actor
Freelance
2015 - 2022

- [ ] Built relationships with a large variety of contacts across the creative industries which have been useful in my other roles.
- [ ] Delivered ~1000 hours of performance lessons and workshops for young people. Setting personal goals for students and working towards success.
- [ ] Worked to a brief, producing workshops and performance pieces in different mediums. Everything from a drama workshop on the English Civil War, to short films, audio scripts and murder mysteries.

Events Supervisor/Admin
G Live
2012 - 2018

Flagship 1000 seat venue for HQ Theatres.

- [ ] Team co-ordination during dinner and party events of 500+ attendees. Pre-empting and swiftly counteracting problems.
- [ ] Maintained spreadsheets (including sales figures), processed orders and invoices, central point for internal communications.
- [ ] Progressed team upselling/cross-selling targets while assisting customers in sales and enquiries.

Office Admin/Promo Team
Eagle Radio
2011 - 2019

- [ ] Closely collaborated with the Managing Director to deliver large scale annual projects across Surrey and Hampshire, with improved engagement year on year.
- [ ] Friendly first point of contact for guests, ensured site security and provided internal communications.

IT Assistant
BBC Fire Protection
2011 - 2011

- [ ] Prepared over 100 laptops for national deployment to engineers.
- [ ] Produced clear documentation for future staff on how to complete the process.

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References available on request