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About Me

As a child who found passion in chess, mathematics and drama my journey into tech has felt like an inevitable transition. Taking 2 gap years after school & working in hospitality and sales roles allowed me to further deepen my love for human connection while exploring the working world, and after working as a support engineer briefly my eagerness to problem solve led me to complete the Dev Academy Bootcamp. Outside of work I am relaxed and dedicated to the gym, squash courts and am a part time DJ.

Experience

Dev Academy Aotearoa / Trainee Web Developer

March 23 - July 23, Wellington NZ

This 15 week software development bootcamp is designed to give a real-life development team's structure and environment to learning modern web development. The technologies we learned included HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript, TypeScript, React, Redux, Knex, SQLite3, Node.js and Express.js.

Every day we were given hands-on challenges to complete with peer-programming, and once a week we would have larger group projects to engage in.

There was a huge interpersonal focus to our learning, and when working in groups we utilized the agile methodology.

For our final project, our team of 5 created an automatic parking ticket disputing application in under a week - where a user can create an account, sign in with their Gmail and have an Al generated dispute be automatically emailed to the relevant recipient. I was responsible for learning and integrating the Gmail API, something we had not learned and required a designated research & development stage. This project was an amalgamation of all our learnings, while also extremely challenging and fast paced - it was a fundamental piece of the course.

Cyclone Computers / Support Engineer

April 22 - February 23, Christchurch NZ

Cyclone is a computer & technology services provider for schools, universities and large businesses around Aotearoa. My first role at Cyclone was an on-site support engineer in a team of 3 full-time staff based for one of their biggest clients at University of Canterbury. Our team was integrated into the IT support team at UC, and had designated responsibility of hardware, procurement, and e-waste tickets. We also navigated BIOS & preboot menus a lot to load new machines with the appropriate operating systems.

On a daily basis we had to be proactive in managing our time, and I learned to effectively plan and prioritize tasks to best consider the perspective of the client.

My second role at Cyclone was a remote-support engineer based at the head office. Here I worked in an agile IT support crew, who looked after around 1200 incident tickets weekly. I had many responsibilities in this fast paced larger environment, including ticket triaging, receiving support calls and working as a support engineer on a wide range of tickets. I learned a vast amount of low level engineering in a very short time here, and quickly made my way to a level 1 support engineer.

Noel Leeming / Sales Assistant

August 21 - April 22, Christchurch NZ

My role of sales assistant at Noel Leeming is a customer facing form of retail sales. My role here was to communicate with customers as a tech and appliance expert, and to follow a strategy to ensure client retention and fantastic customer service. Here I furthered my ability to increase sales through upselling techniques and implemented additional processes to drive profitability.

Synergy Marketing (Aurora Financial) / Marketing Assistant

February 21 - July 21, Christchurch NZ

My role at Synergy saw me as a door-to-door marketer, offering people a free review of personal & health insurance policies with a financial advisor. I was responsible for attaining people's details at the door and providing them to the financial advisors. This job taught me a broad set of communication skills and furthered my ability to effectively communicate with different demographics.

Terrace Tavern / Bar Supervisor, Section Waiter

November 18 - Jan 20, Christchurch NZ

Terrace Tavern was a fast paced diverse working environment, which transformed from a fine dining restaurant through the week to a bustling night club on weekends. My role here was focussed on adapting customer service to fit the clientele, and my ability to engage with others meant that I was shortly responsible for onboarding new staff.

Education

Dev Academy Aotearoa / Level 6 Web Development Bootcamp

March 2023 - July 2023, Wellington NZ

Ara Institute of Canterbury / Level 5 Diploma in ICT

March 2019 - August 2019, Christchurch NZ

Trinity College London / ATCL Diploma in Performance

August 2016 - December 2016, Christchurch NZ

St Andrew's College / NCEA Levels 1 & 2, Merit Endorsement

January 2015 - December 2016, Christchurch NZ

References