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I began my career in corporate and financial communications at one of Scotland's most notable consultancies. Nonetheless, I soon realised that rather than observing and advising from the sidelines, I wanted to become more involved in solving problems and creating products.

I have direct full-stack experience with Java, Javascript and Python; as well as the technologies listed below.

SKILLS

- Python, Flask & Django
- Javascript, Node.js, Express, Vue & React
- Java, Spring Boot & Hibernate
- Git and GitHub
- User and unit testing with JUnit5, Jest & Cypress
- HTML & CSS
- SQL, PostgreSQL & MongoDB
- Agile methodologies & Scrum
- RESTful APIs
- Modern UI/UX design

PROJECTS

All of these projects were completed during my CodeClan course, within a one-week deadline.

[Friendly personal invoicing app with Java, Spring Boot and React](#)

Pair project – March 2021

- App that makes it easy to keep track of your tabs with friends and colleagues and sends scheduled reminders via SMS and voice calls.
- Built backend, including a RESTful API that facilitates access to an H2 database, using Spring Boot, Hibernate and JPA. Used React on the front end.
- Web app includes simple user registration and login feature.

[Stock trading web app with Vue](#)

Group project – February 2021

- Full-stack portfolio app for trading securities and keeping track of a dummy portfolio.
- Front end consumes an external API for the latest stock prices and company information.
- The portfolio information (shares, prices and dates of purchase) is saved on a MongoDB database. The front end, made with Vue, accesses it via an internal RESTful API.

[EIS Syndicate investment platform web app with Flask](#)

Solo project – December 2020

- Designed a full-stack investment platform with Python and Flask to help angel investment syndicates keep track of their investments and portfolio companies.

EXPERIENCE

CodeClan

Professional Software Development Student

Edinburgh

November 2020 - March 2021

- 16-week intensive full-stack software development course. Learned Python, Javascript and Java. Tech stack also included Vue, SQL, Flask, MongoDB, Express, Spring, React and others.

Square Circle Ventures

Consultant

Edinburgh

August - November 2020

- Wrote a research report on the funding gap for B2B tech startups in the north of the UK. The report was used as part of a successful funding application to the British Business Bank.

Charlotte Street Partners

Associate

Edinburgh

July 2019 - August 2020

- Supported the Partner team in developing and delivering communication strategies.
- Supported several transactions involving FNZ, an investment platform-as-a-service provider. Took part in the financial communications strategy planning, wrote press releases and engaged with journalists.
- Managed two junior hires and built the company's new website with WordPress.

ESM Investments

Intern

Stirling

June 2019

- Analysed portfolio companies, wrote client reports and built discount cash flow models.

EDUCATION

Scottish Qualifications Authority

PDA (level 8) in Software Development

Edinburgh

March 2021

- Professional Development Award level 8 in Software Development.

University of Stirling

BA (Hons) Economics and Politics – First-class

Stirling

July 2019

- Served as Secretary of the Student Managed Investment Fund. Researched, monitored and pitched companies in a collaborative team environment. Also organised events for members.
- First-class dissertation on the political economy of China's foreign direct investments in Brazil.

Colegio Santiago de León de Caracas

Science Baccalaureate

Caracas, Venezuela

July 2015

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Possess the right to work and live in the UK. Spanish and English speaker.

Familiar with the Economist's Style Guide.