# Peter Armstrong

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### Education

# University College Cork

Cork, Ireland

Marine Renewable Energy (MEngSc)

Sept. 2015 - Sept. 2016

Key Courses: Wind Energy (81%), Ocean Energy (74%), Sustainable Energy (77%), Environmental Impact
Assessment (74%), Offshore Exploration (59%), Tidal Energy (65%), Marine Renewable Energy (82%),
Mechanical Systems (75%), Computational Fluid Dynamics (60%), Solar Energy (66%), Coastal Engineering
(83%)

# **Dublin City University**

Dublin, Ireland

Graduate Diploma in Information Technology; Credit

Sept. 2011 - May 2012

 Key Courses: Object Orientated Programming, Information Systems, Networking and Operating Systems, Database Design, Web Design

## National University of Ireland - Galway

Galway, Ireland

Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical); Second Class Honours, First GradeSept. 2003 – June 2007

 Key Courses: Finite Element Analysis, Polymers and Composites, Mechanical Engineering Design, Fluid Dynamics, Thermodynamics, Engineering Computing

# **Engineering Projects**

Stability of Vessel for Launch and Recovery of Tidal Energy Device: I am currently working on my Masters project regarding the stability of operations and maintenance vessels.

**CFD Analysis of a Tidal Turbine Blade:** I modelled a section of a tidal turbine blade using ANSYS Fluent. I compared the results with results obtained from Blade Element Momentum analysis.

Measure Correlate Predict for weather data: I wrote a simple python script to analyse weather data as part of a wind energy assignment. I focused on clarity of code and documentation of methods when writing this script. The code is available on Github.

CFD Analysis of Microfluidic Mixing Devices: I studied the microfluidics of mixing devices using computational fluid dynamics (CFD). This involved modelling a number of designs using 3D CAD software and using the ANSYS CFX software package to analyse the behaviour of fluids flowing through them. This was my final year project for my Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering.

## Experience

Minesto

Portaferry, Northern Ireland

Masters Placement

May 2016 - Current

- Placed with tidal energy company in their R&D site for Masters project

## OnePageCRM

Galway, Ireland

Web Application Developer

Feb. 2014 - Sept. 2015

- Developed new features and improvements to the OnePageCRM web application using Ruby on Rails, MongoDB
- Maintained the public API and working with the mobile team on new API features
- Automated and maintained testing with RSpec using Agile & Continuous Integration methodologies
- Maintained the Developer portal and communicating with integration partners
- Maintained and improving the large legacy codebase
- Agile project management, including leading the weekly team retrospective meeting
- Regular support responsibilities, both to technical and non technical customers
- Writing for the developer blog at developer.onepagecrm.com/blog

VisualID Dublin, Ireland

Web Application Developer

June 2012 - Feb. 2014

- Worked in the small DevOps team to support and improve the Visual ID Digital Asset Management application

- Managed production and development servers CentOS, OSX and Ubuntu. This includes co-located, private cloud (Xen Virtualisation) and public cloud (Rackspace) servers
- Assess customer requests and add features to the development schedule
- Supported the customer services team with worldwide clients. This includes back end database queries, scripting and researching communication tools
- Identified the need to standardise the application front end to reduce developer workload and undertook a front end redesign
- Organised monthly software release and deployment cadence
- Championed a company wide move to modern project management and source code management tools. This
  improved the issue tracking and project management workflow and dramatically improved communication
  within the company

Self Employed Sligo, Ireland

Tourism Businesses

Sept. 2007 - Sept 2011

- Opened the top ranked hostel in Sligo with two partners before selling my share
- Opened and ran the second largest kitesurfing centre in Ireland, LSD Kiteboarding
- Opened and ran a sailing school, Rosses Point Sailing

# Mullaghmore Sailing Club

Sligo, Ireland

Activity and Maintenance Manager

June 2010 - August 2011

- Maintained a fleet of boats and set up new preventative maintenance measures
- Completed boat repairs using fibreglass, epoxy and wood
- Managed a team of 15+ staff, supervising 40+ students per week
- Ran training to upskill staff and dealt with any disciplinary issues
- Revised operating procedures to improve compliance with teaching and safety standards

#### Skills

**Programming Languages:** Ruby, Javascript, Coffeescript, Python, PHP, Java, Lasso. Also some experience with Fortran and C during my Bachelor of Engineering

Tools and Operating Systems: Linux (Ubuntu, CentOS), Virtualization (VirtualBox, Xen, Vagrant), Apache web servers, Git, Subversion

Web Development: HTML/CSS, jQuery, ReactJS, Ruby on Rails

Databases: MongoDB, MySQL

Web Applications: Jira, Bitbucket, Github, Wordpress, Drupal, Codeship

Engineering Software: AutoCAD, Autodesk Inventor, Solidworks, ANSYS Fluent / CFX, Maxsurf

Office Software: LibreOffice, Latex, Google Apps

## Interests and Volunteering

**Volunteer Lifeboat:** I volunteered as a crew member with Sligo Bay RNLI lifeboat for two years. I attended weekly training and was on call 24/7

Watersports: Strong interest in sailing, kitesurfing, kayaking, sea swimming

**Boat building:** Wooden boat building - I built a racing dinghy using plywood and composites and competed in a world championships. Member of Sligo Men's Shed boatbuilding group

**Programming Mentoring:** I volunteered as a coach with Rails Girls Galway, teaching a group of novice programmers the basics of web development

Sea Scouts: Leader with 3rd Sligo Sea Scouts and managed a boat building project with them