

## PracticalWeb Ltd Consultant CV

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### Personal Profile

Accomplished Web Developer, equipped with a commanding track record of conceiving and implementing web-based software and applications solutions to improve or enhance an organisation's on-line presence. Ability to turn client vision into web actuality, using a good eye for design, detail and consistency. Keen interest in smooth running project whether using an agile or traditional methodology.

### Key Skills

- **Innovation:** Ability to think outside the box and translate vision in the creation and development of original web applications, with emphasis on accessibility and usability.
- **Trouble-shooting:** Apply a lateral thought process to identifying and investigating web application challenges.
- **Co-ordinating:** Skilled in acting as the web development interface between business and IT departments to ensure projects run smoothly and to schedule, utilising facilitation skills where necessary.
- **Client focus:** Purposefully absorb client expectations and requirements to successfully plan, implement, test and deliver bespoke web application solutions, producing detailed specifications and documentation at all stages.
- **Relationship building:** Adept at developing successful relationships internally and externally, adjusting approaches to interaction to reflect the diversity of an audience.
- **Flexibility:** Equally effective working alone and autonomously, or integrating as a pro-active team member.

### Technical Knowledge

- Drupal 2+ years
- PHP - 10+ years,
- MySQL - 10+ years
- PostgreSQL - 5 years
- HTML, CSS, WAI - 10+ years
- JavaScript, DHTML, DOM, AJAX, - 10+ years
- Version control (Subversion) - 7 years
- Front end skills include accessibility and usability optimisation - 10+ years
- Experienced Linux User (Debian) - 10+ years
- **Effective:** Bringing deep technical understanding together with an anticipation of the needs and expectations of both site users and the business objectives to implement website solutions that work.
- **Design:** Practised at working with, and sensitively extending, high quality design to enhance the emotional impact and branding experience of any project.

## Career Highlights

### 2007 – Present: Various Leading Organisations

#### Contractor

- Worked for over a year on a project for a leading multinational : quickly became a vital developer on the project team and helped steer the project away from near-collapse to total success
- Gained a reputation as a professional with a good hands-on approach who can 'rescue' failing projects and produce a high quality solution
- On every contract, constantly strive to 'go the extra mile' to achieve the best possible results
- Proven to be not only an excellent contractor but also a first-class team leader and team player
- Successfully concluded numerous client meetings and able to translate their wishes into practical and achievable solutions

#### Recent Experience

[data.gov.uk](http://data.gov.uk)

Working as part of a very small team on an agile project with an existing codebase and highly scalable architecture

[data.london.gov.uk](http://data.london.gov.uk)

Sole responsibility for the Drupal implementation of the London Datastore, building a lightweight set of custom modules for optimum flexibility and performance.

[www.wiley.com](http://www.wiley.com)

Implemented a bespoke CMS using Drupal aimed at managing a complex workflow to facilitate the editorial co-ordination of a globally distributed writing process.

[www.mandarama.com](http://www.mandarama.com)

Troubleshooting Drupal bugs on an existing site.

[www.consultanddesign.net](http://www.consultanddesign.net)

Created a module to solve an AJAX related problem.

[www.iclployalty.com](http://www.iclployalty.com)

Working as part of a large team I implemented a large site split over two Drupal installations connected via a SOAP interface. This was integrated with third party solutions via soap, received large data loads each night via text file, and was translated into 17 languages.

I was initially responsible for specific areas of development and later took on a tech lead role with responsibilities across the project.

I was able to leave this project at a point where GMS had recruited sufficient in-house resources to take over the work, and worked with this team to ensure adequate documentation and handover.

[www.guycollection.co.uk](http://www.guycollection.co.uk)

Module development for a Drupal e-commerce solution to provide a customised shopping basket experience

[www.seeper.com](http://www.seeper.com)

Project rescue and completion for a client site.

## **2003 –2007: The Rambler’s Association**

### ***Web Developer***

- Oversee all aspects of strategy, functionality and content of organisations websites ensuring they promote the aims, project and brand and integrate with other IT systems both internally and externally
- Developed intranet systems including a photo library, intranet CMS and legal database
- Implemented Drupal for Microsites
- Develop a facility allowing volunteers around the country to upload details of walks
- Integrated the website and legacy membership database
- web projects included
  - [www.ramblers.org.uk](http://www.ramblers.org.uk)
  - [www.ramblers.org.uk/walksfinder](http://www.ramblers.org.uk/walksfinder)
  - [www.ramblers.co.uk/rightsofwaybook](http://www.ramblers.co.uk/rightsofwaybook)
  - [www.useyourpaths.info](http://www.useyourpaths.info)

## **2000 – 2003: Tincan Ltd**

### ***Programmer***

- Implemented projects using PHP and MySQL according to specifications
- Designed database structures and system architecture to meet the clients project requirements
- Web projects included:
  - [www.nationaltheatre.org.uk](http://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk)
  - [www.defeatingdeafness.org](http://www.defeatingdeafness.org)
  - [www.nicotinell.com](http://www.nicotinell.com)
  - [www.tincan.co.uk](http://www.tincan.co.uk)
  - [www.waronwant.org](http://www.waronwant.org)
  - [www.latinamericabureau.org](http://www.latinamericabureau.org)
  - [www.peopleandplanet.net](http://www.peopleandplanet.net)
  - [www.towerhamlets-pdc.org.uk](http://www.towerhamlets-pdc.org.uk)

## **1999 – 2000: Okupi Ltd**

### ***Systems Developer***

- Produced web applications according to clients’ specifications in Perl and JavaScript
- Collaborated with designers to produce the desired functionality and aesthetic results

