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Profile

I started my career as a construction site manager but always had a passion for technology and design, I spent all my time on tech blogs and ended up doing my construction dissertation at uni based around technology. I decided to take the big career jump and enrol in the General Assembly UX Designer immersive programme. Although this is quite an industry jump I have found that during my time at GA my construction skills have been invaluable. They have helped me work efficiently with teams, clearly communicate situations and leaderships skills taken from construction helped me to successfully lead the 3rd project.

Professional Experience

Student – UX Design Immersive

2014 (Sep-Nov)

I spent 10 weeks studying User Experience design at General Assembly. This involved work from 9-5 and then most hours after that dedicated to 5 separate projects learning the disciplines within UX including user research, UI design, wireframing, software skills, basic front end development, rapid prototyping and many more.

The final project involved work for the Radio Times online, working with them to enhance their onboarding process. This including talking to their users to better understand the problem and developing 4 iterations of a sign up flow, testing each one as a clickable prototype with users in order to make improvements.

Assistant Manager - Jerram Falkus Construction Ltd

2013 Oct – 2014 Aug

Work on a recent development near Old Street to build 12 flats sold at close to £1million each helping to organise trades and ensure successful project completion.

Years industrial placement - Jerram Falkus Construction Ltd

2011 June - 2012 Sep

Work at Royal Docks School near city airport helping build a new wing for children with disabilities and a new astro sports surface.

Work at Jerram Falkus head office with the Surveying team and running the buying department for 3 weeks.

Summer Internships - Jerram Falkus Construction Ltd

2007 June - 2009 July

Work at Jerram Falkus head office assisting teams within as required.

Education

- 2014 Sep-Nov – General Assembly, UX Design Immersive
 - 2009 – 2013 – Northumbria University:
BSc (Hons) Construction Management, Second Class, Upper Division.
Dissertation: “Assessing the Potential of Mobile Computing for On Site Construction Teams.” Second Class, Upper Division.
For my thesis I wanted to see how computing could enhance construction. I chose to look at how tablets could make the on site process more efficient and conducted research, interviewing industry professionals from site managers to directors finding out about their views on technology and how it may help the site process. I also looked into the success of tablet introduction in the education and medical industries and built on my findings to show evidence for the potential of tablets on construction sites.
 - 2002 – 2009 - Forest School, Snaresbrook
A-Level: Politics (A), Computer Science (C), Design Technology (C)
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Core Skills

Communication	Team Work and Leadership	Computing
Experience liaising between trades, site teams and clients on a construction site to best achieve project progression.	Role as an assistant manager within the construction industry.	Programming (Pascal) learnt at A level computer science
On site communications made with project clients to ensure they are satisfied with site progression and company performance.	Often had to balance views from the creative side of Architects with the buildability requirements of contractors.	Experience using Autocad design software
Other Skills Full driver's license held with no endorsements First Aid qualified		A growing knowledge of HTML5 and CSS3 Software skills include; Omnigraffle, Illustrator, Pixelmator, Affinity Designer, Photoshop.

Interests and Hobbies

- Experienced hockey player; captaining school 1st XI, playing at youth county level, for university teams and currently club hockey, helping to develop team and leadership skills.
 - I also enjoy traveling; having InterRailed around Europe after finishing A levels (2009) and travelled South East Asia after completing university (2013)
 - I have a passion for technology and enthusiastically follow several Blog sites with an interest in where technology progresses and what makes products and companies succeed.
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References

On request