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Personal Statement

Nascent Software Developer, switching careers from Banking. I studied software development for 2 years whilst working full time. As my excitement for this discipline continued to develop, I decided to embark on a full-time intensive Software Development course. I am now looking for a position where I can continue to grow professionally and get the opportunity to see my contributions being put to use, while enjoying the challenges and learning new skills.

Key Skills

- Python: Django, Flask, Django, unittest
- Java: Spring boot, Maven, JUnit, Hibernate
- Javascript: React, Enzyme, Cypress (e2e testing)
- Git, Github, Visual Studio, Pycharm, IntelliJ, Github Issues, Github merging and branches
- HTML, CSS
- Unit testing as well as integration testing
- Agile
- AWS
- Databases: MongoDB, MySQL, H2, PostgreSQL
- Test Driven Development (TDD)
- Object Oriented Programming
- Software design, SOLID principles
- Efficient written and verbal communication
- Keen problem solver
- Fast learner, adaptable to change

Experience

CodeClan

Feb -Jun 2022)

Throughout my journey with codeclan I have managed to acquire a lot of valuable experience and knowledge. An intense 16 weeks (800+ hours of coding) Software Development (SCQF Level 8) course at CodeClan, covering Python, Flask, Javascript, React, MySql, H2, PSQL, Java, Spring Boot.

Learning multiple languages within a short period of time built up my confidence in my ability to learn new skills and solve problems. The course is fully practical and reinforces working in

an agile development environment. The course also covers the fundamentals of software development, best practices and writing clean code complying to the SOLID principles, and Test-Driven Development. My work on numerous individual projects as well as one group project can be found on my github repositories.

Projects that I have worked on:

Shop inventory(solo project): https://github.com/sofielG/Shop_Inventory

MSM shares(group project): <https://github.com/sofielG/MSM-Shares>

Muse(solo project): <https://github.com/sofielG/muse-app>

<https://github.com/sofielG/Muse2>

TSB Business Banking / Account opening and digital onboarding

Dec 2019 - February 2022

My role involved digitally onboarding business customers into the bank's software and opening business and savings accounts. The team has to work under intense time pressure to process a large volume of requests, so I learned how to prioritise my tasks in order to make the most out of my time. I quickly familiarised myself with the software and learned how to use it efficiently in order to meet productivity and quality KPIs. I have also gained insights on financial and banking regulations, and I am learning a lot about how businesses operate and the role of banks and banking in the economy.

- I greatly improved my ability to pay attention to detail, as I had to review applications and decide whether we can open account and proceed or if we require further information
- Know your business and Know your customer skills
- Organised games for meetings to help colleagues get more familiar with procedures

Greggs / Team Member

May 2019 - Dec 2019

In my time working at Greggs, I gained experience in a customer-facing, demanding retail role. I received positive feedback from customers for my customer service skills and learned a lot about the front-line of the catering and food distribution industry.

Marks & Spencers / Customer Assistant

Oct 2018 - Dec 2018

In my role with M&S, I worked at the cash tills, organised and replenished shelves and helped customers to collect their parcels. I often received positive feedback from customers for my customer service skills and for my willingness to help

Sfera Studios LLC / Deluxe localization, Translator, Proofreader, Conformer

Mar 2017 - Oct 2018

I worked with Sfera as a self-employed subtitle translator from the English to the Greek language, working on content from several of Sfera's high-profile on-line TV streaming clients.

- Worked on very rushed files and managed to deliver them on time
- Successfully communicated with project managers and helped them overcome technical issues

Studies

National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

History and Philosophy of Science

Sep 2014 - Jun 2018

Languages

- English (proficient)
- Greek (native)
- Russian (proficient)
- Spanish (intermediate)

Hobbies

I split my free time between improving my knowledge and skills, e.g. by doing online courses in programming languages such as Java and Python, and entertainment: I most enjoy reading books and going to the cinema, playing the bass and learning Spanish.