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Profile

Motivated and multi-disciplined UI Engineer with a demonstrable history of experience in a wide variety of fields, technologies, and skills. Passionate and driven to deliver exceptional products with a focus on quality and a motivation for above-and-beyond delivery. Experienced in Graphic Design, UI Design, Brand Development, UI Development, App Development, and Backend NodeJS development using technologies such as Firebase, Express JS, and Typescript.

Relevant Employment History

2021 - 2024 Rawnet Digital Agency (Remote, Berkshire)

UI Developer

My role at Rawnet involved being the lead UI Developer on a number of web development projects wherein I would work with the designers, PHP developers, and QA teams to deliver modern and robust end-products to clients; with a strong focus on writing clean, maintainable code and performant webapps which were typically assessed using tools such as Google Lighthouse. I also spent a lot of time on support, in which I was responsible for diagnosing and fixing UI issues in a timely manner and occasionally communicating with clients. Much of my learning and development at Rawnet was self-driven during L&D time which I would use to push myself to learn the latest technologies in webdev.

2020 - 2023 SNIPPR LTD (Self-employed, Remote)

Founder & Product Engineer

In late 2020, I had an idea for a pair of mobile applications which soon grew into a passion project which I would pursue outside of work. Throughout this time I researched, designed, and ultimately developed a pair of production ready applications for iOS & Android using React Native, as well as a Firebase-driven back-end and an accompanying NodeJS REST API. While it was self-imposed, this represents one of my most challenging and exciting roles and has allowed me to grow not only my development skills, but also my entrepreneurial, project-management, research, and communication skills, among many others.

2016 - 2021 Perfect Image IT Solutions (On-site, Newcastle)

UI Engineer

For the majority of my employment at Perfect Image, I was the sole Frontend Developer at the company. Though my primary focus was on UI Development, I was also responsible for all internal Graphic Design (for both print and digital), UI Design, UX Design, PHP Development for the public-facing site, and other responsibilities such as Video Editing and Animation. I also played a large role in brand design and development, driving a modernisation of the brand and public presence. I often worked closely with many different teams in the business, as well as stakeholders such as the CEO, CTO, and Marketing Director.

2014 - 2018 Atomspark (Self-employed, Remote)

Web Developer

My first exposure to the industry, I started a freelance web development company which I would pursue outside of University and Working hours. I worked with a wide variety of clients, ranging from solicitors to data management and analytics providers, which allowed me to gain invaluable experience and industry exposure early in my education and career. I would design the websites myself and then develop them using WordPress (fully custom theme development and admin panel customisation).

Relevant Technologies

CSS, SASS, SCSS, LESS, HTML5, TailwindCSS, JavaScript (Vanilla, ES6), React, React Native, TypeScript, NextJS, NodeJS, Redux, Redux Toolkit, NPM, GULP, GRUNT, GIT, Github Actions & YAML, CI/CD, RESTful API Integration, RESTful API Design & Development, Headless CMS (inc. Sanity, Contentful, Storblok, Strapi, Directus, Payload), Gatsby, GraphQL, Test-driven Development (Jest & React Testing Library)



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Skills & Experience

Graphic Design (Print & Digital), Brand Development, Animation, Video Editing, UI Design, UI Development, Frontend Development, Mobile App Design, Mobile App Development, Backend Development, Entrepreneurial Experience, NoSQL/Document Driven Database Design & Development (Cloud Firestore), AGILE Workflows

Education

2012 - 2016	First Class BA (Hons) Web & Multimedia	Teesside University
2010 - 2012	D*D* BTEC Level 3 Diploma in IT	New College Durham
2015 - 2010	10 GCSEs (Incl. Maths & English) A* - C	St Bedes RC School

Additional Technologies

PHP (Primarily WordPress & Concrete5 Custom Development), jQuery, AJAX, Vercel, Railway, MongoDB, Expo, Firebase, Firebase Cloud Functions, Firebase Admin SDK, Firestore, ExpressJS, Adobe Creative Suite, Azure, Azure DevOps, ASP.NET (Supporting BE), Microsoft Power BI, Liquid HTML, Templating Languages (e.g. Handlebars, Mustache, Twig), Email-focused HTML & CSS, XAML & Xamarin Forms

Hobbies & Personal

Photography, Camping, Hiking, Metal Detecting, Fishing, Gaming, Film & TV, Acoustic Guitar