

terri hounsom

full-stack developer

PROFILE

In 2019, working in a digital media university and researching the 'data age' for my Master's degree, my deep interest in how technology is evolving gave way to a career move, and, after 8 years in international recruitment, I joined Le Wagon London, and learnt the core skills to be a full-stack developer. Through pair-programming and team work we built Ruby on Rails apps, and much more. Resourceful, a quick learner and a problem solving enthusiast, I can't wait to start a position and find my groove in the industry.

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RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

LE WAGON LONDON

Full-Stack Web Development Bootcamp | September 2019

An intensive bootcamp course in central London. We pair-program and use git and GitHub from day one. Projects are Ruby on Rails apps inc. user authorization, login (Devise), search, payment, geocoding and maps, continuous deployment with Heroku.

CORE TECHNICAL SKILLS:

Ruby | Ruby on Rails | HTML | CSS | Javascript | Bootstrap | PostgreSQL | Heroku | Git | GitHub | UX

SOFT SKILLS:

Excellent written and verbal communication skills | Pair-programming | Project management

TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE:

- Core concepts of [Object-oriented Programming](#) with Ruby inc. algorithms and data structures, working with Ruby doc
- Parsing and storing data from [RESTful JSON APIs](#) or scrape HTML data with Nokogiri, 3rd party service integration
- Software structuring following design patterns, in-depth understanding of [MVC](#) (routing, controllers, params and views)
- Relational [database design](#), CRUD with SQL, ActiveRecord, Object Relational Mapping
- [JavaScript ES6](#) as a second programming language, JavaScript Tooling, DOM events and AJAX
- Web-interfaces, UXUI principles, [HTML and CSS](#), Bootstrap basics, Atomic design principles.
- Test Driven Development ([TDD](#)) approach, regular testing with Rspec
- Currently learning [React](#), [Python](#) and developing [JavaScript ES6](#) skills through online courses

PROJECTS:

- Let It Grow ([let-it-growplotters.herokuapp.com](#))

I collaborated with 3 others to build this Rails app with git and Github. Let It Grow is a marketplace to find private garden space available for rent, to grow your own fruit, veg and herbs. Our app includes authentication with Devise gem, search in Rails, Maps and Geocoding, image upload with Cloudinary and JavaScript plugins. The app is deployed on Heroku. I was involved in every step of development, from database design to the front-end finishes, and I had specific responsibility for incorporating Maps and Geocoder through Mapbox and the JavaScript star-rating plugin.

- Jaunt ([jauntexplore.life](#))

A Ruby on Rails app (optimised for mobile) to swipe through a range of activities in a location, and formulate an itinerary from all 'yes' choices. Our app includes authentication from Devise, Pundit for authorisation, Algolia Places search function, Mapbox for Maps and Geocoder, Swing.js JavaScript plugin (for the swipe function), AJAX, image upload with Cloudinary and is deployed on Heroku. I was involved in every step of development, and had specific responsibility for Pundit, incorporating Swing.js into the search and filter functionality and a heavy input into front-end finishes.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

RECRUITMENT OFFICER - ASIA Ravensbourne University London

SEPT '17 - JUN '19

- Liaised with stakeholders in the UK and around Asia to promote the university, and creative education in the UK more widely
- Conducted research for the 2018 recruitment strategy, including sector performance, areas of growth and market intelligence
- Budgeted spend for my region, significant international travel and logistics management

CO-FOUNDER BrightSpark Teachers

SEPT '14 - NOV '16 part-time | NOV '16 - SEPT '17 full-time

- Assisted international schools and education projects to recruit teaching staff, including senior management, worldwide
- Undertook research on the sector to identify areas for growth and development, and contributed to business planning

RECRUITMENT COORDINATOR - SE-ASIA University College Dublin

OCT '14 - NOV '16

- Identified and developed relationships with scholarship bodies, universities, Irish and local embassies and other institutions with the aim of increasing student recruitment numbers
- Conducted market research and identified opportunities for growth to inform international strategy

KEY SKILLS:

- Excellent written and verbal [communication](#) skills developed through several years of customer/client facing roles
- Highly [organised](#), experienced in extensive planning of travel and events at home and overseas, significant logistics planning experience
- Experienced with relationship management and ongoing communications with key [stakeholders](#) at every level
- Planning, [strategising](#) and budgeting experience
- Confidence in explaining [complex ideas](#) in a simple, straight-forward way for a range of audiences

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF KENT

MA The Contemporary (Part-time)

2018 - 2020

(Sasha Roberts Academic Scholarship Recipient)

An in depth look at influences on contemporary culture. My research focuses on the effects of tech, big data and climate change.

Current grade: Distinction

BA Degree with First Class Honours

2007 - 2010

English and American Literature, with an interest in the Beat Generation and 'post-modern' literary theory and philosophy

INTERESTS

I love to travel, and travelled widely during the 6 years I lived overseas. I'm originally from the Kent coast and I love the sea. I'm a big fan of yoga, especially aerial yoga, and I spend as much time outdoors - hiking, cycling, paddle-boarding - as I can manage.