

Thomas Bishop

Web developer

Highly motivated independent frontend web developer and technical SEO consultant committed to building clean, efficient and performant websites and storefronts.

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Technical skills

- **Languages:** JavaScript, HTML5, CSS3, LaTeX, Liquid
- **Build tools:** Git, CLI, (Bash/Zsh), Node.js, Yarn, npm, Gulp, Webpack, SSH, Netlify, Heroku, Lighthouse
- **Frameworks and libraries** Material, Bootstrap 4, Bulma, Gatsby.js, Jekyll, Vue.js
- **Content management systems:** WordPress, Drupal (basic)
- **Data:** MySQL, JSON, Cube.js

Experience

Freelance client work

Remote web developer | clashort.org | 2016 — present

- Clare Short is the UK's former Secretary of State for International Development.
- Developed, designed and now maintain clashort.org as a responsive WordPress.org website.
- In addition to ongoing maintenance and content management I provide technical SEO services.

Remote web developer | University of Sussex | June—July 2019

- Hired by the University's Digital Humanities Lab to make customisations to the Making African Connections Digital Archive
- Introduced several front-end refinements to make the site responsive and ensure functionality not compromised on 2G African networks.
- Implemented backend processes to assist researchers in showcasing artefacts.

Remote web developer | Modish Living | 2019 — present

- Modish Living is a reclaimed furniture retailer located in Hove, East Sussex.
- Implemented a redesign of their Shopify site and to introduce several custom features that were lacking in previous iterations of the site, including:
 - a graphical page builder to allow content managers to easily add content blocks and control layout and placement
 - a custom 'mega navigation' that enabled in-menu promotions
 - the introduction of a 3D product image rotator
 - streamlining the aggregation and compression of high-resolution product-images with a modern pipeline
- I now maintain the site on a retainer basis

Remote web developer | Colour Me KT | 2019 — present

- Refurbished and upscaled furniture store with Shopify e-commerce site.
- Managed domain migration from Etsy/Facebook to a dedicated Shopify store that integrates the different product lines and selling channels
- Made numerous front end alterations to the site and built new templates for curated blog and product content
- Conducted a detailed technical SEO audit of the site, implementing the recommendations myself
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Salaried work

Technical SEO analyst | RocketMill | 2017-18

- Managed several client accounts as chief SEO manager: Dropbox, *Financial Times*, Kimberley Clark.
- Through regular technical auditing, competitor and link analyses, forecasting and data review I was able to help clients solve technical search issues and drive market performance.

SEO analyst | Oban International | 2017

- Joined Oban as a developer with limited SEO experience. Underwent six-month training programme to assimilate the core principles and procedures of SEO, with a specific focus on international markets and technologies.
- Contributed to the SEO management of a range of client accounts including the BBC World Service, Camper, and AXA Healthcare Insurance.
- Learned how search engines and ranking algorithms work outside of the Google sphere, i.e Yandex, Baidu, Naver etc.

Teaching

- Qualified as a primary school teacher in 2012. Passed professional induction in 2013.
- Worked as a teacher in a number of schools throughout South London, mainly teaching Years 4 and 5.

Education

Postgraduate Certificate of Education, Middlesex University (2011—12)

B. A Philosophy, University of Warwick (2006—2009), graduated 2:1