Thomas McCarten — Web Developer

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Personal Profile

A graduate of BSc (Hons) Web Development at Manchester Metropolitan University seeking front-end web development roles. With a 1st class degree I have proven experience of following industry best practice to develop responsive, attractive websites that conform to WCAG web accessibility standards. From concept to completion. This includes user research in the form of personas and usability testing involving card sorting and guerrilla testing. I have a keen eye for detail and good design. See below for technical skills.

Education

Manchester Metropolitan University   2014 – 2017
BSc Web Development (1st Class Honours and Programme Leaders Prize)

- Units included Web Programming (PHP and JavaScript), User Experience Design, Website Development, Digital Project Management (Agile, Scrum)

Winstanley College   2004 – 2006
A Levels in Fine Art (B), Biology (B), Computing (C)

Up Holland High School   1999 – 2004
9 GCSEs between A* and B including English Literature (A) and Maths (B)

Skills

Web Development
Experience in designing attractive, accessible and responsive websites with a mobile first methodology and sound information architecture

Proficiency in HTML5, Sass and Vanilla CSS with a solid working knowledge of JavaScript, PHP and WordPress theme development

Experience of development tools like Gulp and Git/GitHub for version control

Awareness of best user experience design practices and comfortable with prototyping tools such as Axure and Invision

Design and Illustrative
Proficiency with Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Illustrator
Experience of logo design and creating high fidelity website mock-ups to a professional standard

Recent Work Experience

Manchester Metropolitan University | Web Developer   2017 – 2017
Designing and developing a website for a digital archive as part of an artwork project.

o **Technical knowledge** – using jQuery and JavaScript to create an interactive and responsive illustrated map. Use of PHP includes and variables for easier management of content, HTML and metadata.

o **Design** – providing a creative and attractive solution based around the provided content, selecting of typefaces, responsive layout and appropriate colour scheme.

o **Working with client** – effective communication with the client including weekly meetings to ensure their wishes were being met on time and/or issues were discussed and resolved.

Take Note | Audio Transcriber   2015 – 2016
Role involved transcribing audio files of different lengths and clarity to text.

o **Accuracy** - following strict grammar and formatting rules to ensure transcribed file is up to required standard.

o **Attention to detail** - every word transcribed correctly or labelled appropriately if indecipherable.

JMC Engineering | Machine Operator   2013 – 2014
Machine operation, answering the phone to customers, updating stock on database.

Hotter | Production Operative   2012 – 2013
On a production line within a team responsible for the manufacture of footwear. Ensured all products met required quality standard, informed team leader of any faults.

o **Working under pressure** - Being as efficient as possible to ensure daily target was met.

o **Teamwork** - it was important to work as a team to ensure as little machine downtime as possible. If moulds needed changing or there were faults with the product it was essential to inform the relevant colleague and adapt accordingly.

o **Flexibility** - alternating shifts meant working from 6am to 2pm one week then 2pm to 10pm the next.

Interests

Web design and the front-end web development industry. I recently attended NUX5 and WordCamp and love to keep up to date with Smashing Magazine, CSS-Tricks and more. I'm passionate about design and making things look good. References available on request.