

# Vincent Walker

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## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

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Perceptive, proactive, self-taught Ruby on Rails developer with a commitment to creation of clean, efficient, and accessible code in a functional framework throughout the development lifecycle. A reliable individual with genuine integrity and a strong background in client and stakeholder management, sales, marketing, budget and performance management, providing invaluable all round business expertise.

## CORE COMPETENCIES

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| ❖ Web Development               | ❖ Quality Assurance & Control | ❖ Relationship Management |
| ❖ Team Leadership & Development | ❖ Stakeholder Communication   | ❖ Budget Management       |

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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|---------------|------------------------------|----------|-------|-------------|----------------|
| ❖ Java Script | ❖ Ruby on Rails<br>(5 and 6) | ❖ HTML   | ❖ CSS | ❖ Bootstrap | ❖ Action Cable |
| ❖ PostgreSQL  | ❖ GitHub                     | ❖ Heroku | ❖ TDD | ❖ Cucumber  |                |

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

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- ❖ From learning to code in 2017, rapidly progressed to creating several original Web Applications
  - Business Den: A SaaS application providing an interface between investors and start-up entrepreneurs
  - The Blogger: A simple RESTful API sharing photos and blogs
  - Project App: A project sharing app
- ❖ Wrote functional, unit and integration tests using Minitest, GitHub as Repository and Heroku for production
- ❖ Built a bespoke SaaS application (Business Den) using Devise as a User authentication solution, Sendgrid for email integration functionality and STRIPE API for payment authentication using a Credit Card (Business Den), AWS S3 for Image storage.
- ❖ Developed a Web Sockets Platform, a Recipe Sharing API (My Recipes) using Rails's ActionCable

## CAREER SUMMARY

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### RUBY ON RAILS DEVELOPER - HOSTELLING INTERNATIONAL

June 2019 - October 2020

- Worked on project to migrate the current platform over to a Rails (5.2) starting with the existing testing frame work (Minitest) to make the tests pass.
- Updated the Front end views, on the current platform leading to an overall improved user experience ([www.hihostels.com](http://www.hihostels.com))
  - Using Ruby, HTML, CSS (Bootstrap) and JavaScript, edited and amended the site to match organisations Brand Guidelines
- Developed a 'Recently Viewed' function on the sites main page to enable to a user to book or complete their booking if previously browsed to one of the Hostels
  - Using a session cookie, created a 'pop up' window using Ruby, HTML, JavaScript to complete their booking
  - Developed this to be mobile friendly
  - This created extra revenue for the organisation (using Google analytics)
- Cucumber testing gaining valuable skills and experience in BDD development.

### WEB DEVELOPER / RUBY ON RAILS DEVELOPER - CDC GLOBAL

November 2018 - May 2019

- Working Freelance with CDC Global to create and develop the company Web Site.
  - Initially developed a Static HTML site for the company
  - Redeveloped this into a rails site which enables the user to add their own updates.

### WEB DEVELOPER RUBY ON RAILS

March 2017 – October 2018

- Career Change towards Web Development. (Self Taught) using several online courses.
- Developed my skills HTML, CSS, Bootstrap, JavaScript, Ruby on Rails, Git Hub and Heroku
- Created 3 API's, 'Business Den', 'MyRecipe', 'The Blogger' (<https://vincethewalker.herokuapp.com>)

### AYMES INTERNATIONAL: NHS Partnership Manager

Sep 2016 - Feb 2017

- Worked to gain market access for a range of Oral Nutritional Supplements with NHS Medicines Management, Community Dietitians and Hospital Dietitians across 30 CCG's in London and Berkshire

**GLAXOSMITHKLINE:** *Vaccines Key Account Manager*

2004 - 2016

- In line with GSK's new Digital Strategy, took on Digital Team Lead role, collaborating with Marketing to develop new team website to drive 2 way communication and share information between sales and brand teams
- Collaborated in developing GSK vaccines on-line ordering Platform which enabled healthcare professionals to place their orders on-line in addition to using traditional channels.
- Acting Regional Business Manager In 2010, to cover sickness, supported the team in implementing strategy, regularly liaising between management and brand teams

**EARLIER CAREER** 

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**JANSSEN CILAG (SOUTH AFRICA):** *Specialist Medical Representative*

**HART LTD (SOUTH AFRICA):** *Sales Representative*

**SOUTH AFRICAN ARMY MEDICAL SERVICES:** *Operational Medic*

**EDUCATION** 

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Diploma in Sales Management - *Damelin College, South Africa*

Secondary School - *Damelin College, South Africa*