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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Self-taught software engineer with 5+ years of experience building and scaling products in fast-paced startup environments. Proven track record of delivering clean, efficient, and maintainable code—primarily with Ruby on Rails—while contributing across the full product lifecycle. Comfortable wearing multiple hats, collaborating closely with cross-functional teams, and navigating ambiguity to deliver high-impact features. Brings strong business insight from a previous background in client management, sales, and performance strategy, adding unique value beyond engineering

CORE COMPETENCIES

- ❖ Software engineering
- ❖ Quality Assurance & Control
- ❖ Relationship Management
- ❖ Team Leadership & Development
- ❖ Stakeholder Communication
- ❖ Budget Management

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- ❖ Java Script
- ❖ Ruby on Rails
- ❖ React.js
- ❖ Stimulus.js
- ❖ Turbo frames
- ❖ PostgreSQL
- ❖ Turbo Streams
- ❖ GitHub
- ❖ Heroku
- ❖ TDD & BDD
- ❖ SEO (Google)
- ❖ Tailwind

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- ❖ 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
 - 'Let's Chat' a messenger app using Rails Action Cable
 - My Wines an Online shop using the Braintree API
- ❖ Built a bespoke SaaS application (Webshop) using Devise as a User authentication solution functionality and using both STRIPE API and BRAINTREE for payment authentication using a Credit Card AWS S3 for Image storage.
- ❖ Solo developed a form which is used by company engineers on site that dynamically updates the company dashboard used by CS agents (Boilerjuice)
- ❖ Part pf the core engineering team to develop the new US B2B platform that will be used by the Collaborated in building a new software assessment tool for Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
- ❖ Part of the core engineering team to develop the new US B2B platform that will be used countrywide by the US scheduling team

CAREER SUMMARY

SOFTWARE ENGINEER – SCAN.COM *November 2022 – Present*

- Collaborated closely with the product team to develop the new US B2B platform, creating and implementing features across dedicated portals for Admins, Referring Providers, and Attorneys.
- Collaborated on the development of a new software assessment tool for Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
- Built front-end features using React, Turbo Frames, Turbo Streams, and Stimulus.js

SOFTWARE ENGINEER – BOILERJUICE *July 2021 – November - 2022*

- Created and brought to life a dynamic form that involved both backend as well as front end development, this can be used by an Engineer on site, on submission of this form the data is stored in a Postgres (Heroku) database as well as synced on company dashboards using several API calls as well as using AWS Dynamo DB to store payloads.
- System testing using RSpec
- Supported team in managing the Customer Services Help Desk that require dev support

SOFTWARE ENGINEER – KING AND MCGAW *February 2021 – July 2021*

- Fixed Term Contract
- Various projects to improve SEO using Google Tag Manager.
- Developing, improving and maintaining the main retail site working with Rails(6.1) as well as Vue.js and Tailwind CSS on the front end
 - added an enlarge icon on the product page so viewers can enlarge the image as well as see the different frame types.
- Created an 'Make Enquiry' button in the product page when value of Painting (Print) is above £1000
 - Combination of Using Rails Vue and AJAX, I created a function that any print above £1000 a 'Make Enquiry' button will appear on the Product options bar and opening an AJAX form for a customer to contact the customer services directly.

BUSINESS SYSTEMS ENGINEER- HOSTELLING INTERNATIONAL

June 2019 - November 2020

- Worked on project to migrate the current platform over to a Rails (5.2) starting with the existing testing framework (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)
 - 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.

SOFTWARE ENGINEER/ RUBY ON RAILS ENGINEER - CDC GLOBAL

November 2018 - May

2019

- Working Freelance with CDC Global to create and develop the company Web Site.

STUDY SOFTWARE ENGINEERING WITH 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 INERNATIONAL: 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

JANSSEN CILAG (SOUTH AFRICA): Specialist Medical Representative

HART LTD (SOUTH AFRICA): Sales Representative

SOUTH AFRICAN ARMY MEDICAL SERVICES: Operational Medic

EDUCATION

Diploma in Sales Management - Damelin College, South Africa

Secondary School - Damelin College, South Africa