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The logo for White Label Development, featuring the text "WHITE LABEL DEVELOPMENT" in blue, with a blue square icon to the right.

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Qualifications

1992-1997 **University of Brighton.**
BSc. (Hons.) Computer Science **(2:1)**
Final Year Project: A Virtual Reality Orrery, **(1:1)**.

Key Skills

I build working software that matters.

Technically, I am a seasoned software developer principally using the Microsoft product stack of ASP.NET (MVC and Web Forms), Windows Forms, Web API, SQL Server and WCF.

I mostly develop web services and web applications – web sites that require ‘back-end’ processing, business rules and logic. I am not a graphic designer, but I know plenty of freelancers who are.

The majority of my recent work has been large, enterprise level private applications that encapsulate a company’s workflow: software that streamlines internal process and therefore saves money.

I have experience of Windows Server management and Cloud Hosting (Windows Azure and Amazon). Many clients trust me with administrator access to their servers via Remote Desktop access or VPN’s.

I’m proud to have built an EDI hub using .NET services with AS2 and X12 protocols. It processes thousands of messages every day and forms the core of several child applications used by a leading London agency.

I’ve written a desktop and web application to manage the placement of referees to thousands of rugby matches played each year. I helped create the public portal for these matches too.

I recently designed an Asset Management System for a national travel company that helps track the location of equipment (such as ticket readers) within the travel network.

I’ve built all kinds of websites over the years. It’s interesting work. I love it.

Employment History

March 2012 – Present Owner, white-label-development.co.uk

Jan 2006 – Mar 2012 Senior Developer, kingsburyshaw.co.uk

April 2004 – Jan 2006 Application Developer, jumpmedia.co.uk

April 2000 – Apr 2004 Internet Application Developer, concept2100.co.uk

April '99 – Mar 2000 Internet Application Developer, rivendell.co.uk

Jan 1999 - Mar 1999 Internet Application Developer, webpage-marketing.co.uk

Dec 1997 - Jan 1999 Systems Engineer, pavilion-computing.co.uk

June - Sept 1996 Database Engineer / 3D modeller, cae-invertron.co.uk.
& May - Dec 1995 .

White Label Development is my new company, offering out-sourced or freelance software development services. I choose the name after having worked for almost four years under Non-Disclosure Agreements – essentially writing web applications I can never talk about!
I realised the market for discreet out-sourcing was probably quite large (it is), so WLD was born.

After two years with Kingsbury Shaw I accepted the role of Technical Director and began to play a guiding role in the development of the company. I initiated the move away from the office to online collaborative working and implemented appropriate tools to meet the challenges of remote working. I led the process of making Kingsbury Shaw an 'Agile' company. I also led the resourcing (or 'freelance') wing.

At Jump Media I played a variety of roles. I was expected to deal with *any* technical issue which may arise. I also met with clients, wrote quotes and draft development plans. I developed a wide variety of applications, including an advanced e-commerce facility that has been 'rolled out' 12 times and included clients such as Rick Stein.

With Concept 2100 I developed Internet applications for a variety of clients. I created in-house products such as web statistics management tools; scheduled server maintenance scripts and log archiving facilities. I specialised in e-commerce facilities and developed an online shop whose variants can be seen in many live sites today.

I had the dubious honour of being the only person employed by **Rivendell Software** who had not achieved a first at University. I learnt a great deal about software development from my peers.

Webpage-Marketing employed me to develop data driven websites using SQL Server and (classic) ASP. I enjoyed seeing several small projects through from conception to completion and also worked on larger sites, such as the Guinness Intranet, 'Blockbuster Video' and 'Jazz FM'.