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PROFILE

A second year BSc Computer Science student at Loughborough University. Systems Administrator and Programmer with 5 years of experience, through both freelance work and employment. Primarily works using Java with varied experience in other languages including C++, Python and PHP.

EDUCATION

Loughborough University

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (1st Class)

September 2014 - July 2018

Loughborough, Leicestershire

- Dissertation: Secure Smart Lock System

Harlington Upper School

GCSE and Sixth Form

September 2009 - July 2014

Harlington, Bedfordshire

- **A Levels:** Mathematics (A), Physics (B), ICT (C)
- **Level 3 BTECs:** Subsidiary Diploma in Sport (Distinction*)
- **11 GCSES:** Grades A* - C in Mathematics, Advanced Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Business and Communication Systems, English Language, English Literature, Music, D&T Product Design and Religious Studies
- **Level 2 BTECs:** OCR National First Certificate in ICT (Distinction) and Extended Certificate in Sport (Distinction*)

WORK EXPERIENCE

IBM - iX Studios London

Interactive Developer

July 2016 - July 2017

Working directly with clients from Deutsche Bank and BP

Woodlands Middle School

Assistant Systems and Network Technician

July 2011 and July 2012

Flitwick, Bedfordshire

- Provided technical support to users in a clear and concise manner.
- Kept to a schedule and completed jobs within required deadlines.
- Problem solving under pressure in time sensitive situations.
- Worked effectively with members of a team to co-ordinate network repair tasks in order to prevent interference with users on the network.

Freelancing

Java Development and Systems Administration

2009 - Present

- Dealing with clients requirements on a daily basis.
- Managing time and providing accurate time frames for completion of projects.
- Working as part of a team on projects utilising git for version control.
- Persevering with problems to find acceptable solutions.

Flitwick Cricket Club

Bartender - Part Time

April 2014 - January 2017

Flitwick, Bedfordshire

- Dealing with customers and carrying out their requests accurately.
- Working as part of a team, communicating with each other in order to keep everything running smoothly.
- Keeping calm in high pressure situations such as large events.

KEY SKILLS AND BEHAVIOURS

- **Problem Solving:** Evident through freelance work that required an unconventional approach to solving problems introduced by client requirements.
- **Communication:** This has been essential throughout all work in order to communicate with both clients and employers.
- **Time Management:** An essential skill demonstrated consistently during freelance work with a set time frame for completion.
- **Teamwork:** Demonstrated throughout many freelance projects and essential to ensure completion of tasks efficiently and before deadlines.

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

Computer Languages	Java, C++, Python, Lua, HTML, CSS, PHP, JavaScript, AJAX
Data Structures	XML, JSON, YAML
Databases	MySQL, PostgreSQL
Tools	Git, Vim, Bash, Maven, Jenkins, LaTeX, KVM, SSH, VNC
Operating Systems	CentOS 6/7 (Redhat), Debian, Arch (Arch)

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Saxophone	ABRSM Grade 8
Piano	ABRSM Grade 6
Music Theory	ABRSM Grade 5
Kayaking & Canoeing	Canoe England BCU 2 Star
Full UK Clean Driving Licence	

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

- Played the Saxophone and Piano for 10 and 12 years respectively.
- Participated in various bands throughout Middle and Upper School and currently play in the University Jazz band, Tuxedo Swing.
- Kayaking, Canoeing, Mountain Biking and Rock Climbing for 5 years.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.