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About Me

I am currently a full-time student, about to start the final year of my BSc Web & Mobile Development (Hons) programme at the University of the West of Scotland. As a dedicated and hard-working individual, I am determined to achieve a first-class honours degree at the end of my studies. I secured direct entry into the 3rd year of this course as a result of achieving an A grade in my HND Web Development course at the City of Glasgow College.

Throughout my studies, I have been working at Marks & Spencer as a cross-trained customer assistant. Leaving behind my full-time employment as a member of the management team in Nando's was a difficult decision to make, however, I needed to get the most out of my learning and dedicate time to the course.

I have taken advantage of several opportunities that have arisen throughout my studies. In 2017, I took part in the annual WorldSkills competition – a global-scale competition, where I represented my college as a Web Developer in the UK heats. In 2018 I secured an internship with PSP Media – an advertising and media company based in Glasgow, where I was a Web Development Intern. Originally meant to span the summer, I continued the internship with PSP Media until spring 2019. Most recently, in June 2020, I commenced a summer internship with Baillie Gifford – an investment management firm based in Edinburgh. As an Application Development Summer Student, I was fortunate to experience the placement virtually due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Technologies and Languages

During my studies and time spent working on my personal development, I have learned and been introduced to a wide range of technologies, languages and skills in the field of web and software development.

- HTML5
- CSS3/SCSS
- React JS
- JavaScript
- APIs
- Bootstrap
- PHP
- JSON
- XML
- jQuery
- Java
- AngularJS
- SQL
- MySQL(i)
- phpMyAdmin
- Microsoft SQL Server
- C#
- ASP.NET
- Firebase
- Android Studio

I am currently working to improve my understanding of React JS and connecting it to a database. I am also hoping to start a progressive web app project in the near future.

My Strengths

- Forming relationships with other team members and supporting others
- Exemplary communication in the workplace
- Effective forward-planning and scheduling skills
- Very motivated and positive-thinking, with a drive to succeed
- A quick and enthusiastic learner, with a passion to learn new skills and technologies
- Able to work well under pressure within a team and independently
- Punctual and hard-working, with an exceptional attendance record

Experience & Roles

Customer Assistant and Store Operations, Marks & Spencer (October 2017 – Present)

West-End Retail Park, Glasgow

As a cross-trained member of staff in Marks & Spencer, I am required to work both independently within the operations department to complete specific tasks, as well as work with other team members when I am in a customer-facing assistant role. Regardless of my daily role, the main priority is to provide customers with a great experience, while liaising with managers and other team members to ensure the store runs smoothly at all times.

Application Development Summer Student, Baillie Gifford (June 2020 – July 2020)

Calton Hill, Edinburgh

My time with Baillie Gifford was unique, in that it was a virtual placement which took place during the COVID-19 pandemic. Though originally intended to take place in Edinburgh spanning 10 weeks, I instead worked from home during the placement, which lasted 4 weeks. This opportunity allowed me to network with employees and partners within the firm, as well as other interns. I took part in a wide range of skill-building workshops, which gave me a huge boost in my self-belief. After spending time using an online learning platform to boost our skillset, I and my fellow intern took it upon ourselves to build a web application, primarily using React JS, Firebase and API calls. Towards the end of the placement, we gave a presentation that covered our experience as a whole, as well as the project we undertook.

Web Development Intern, PSP Media (June 2018 – February 2019)

High Craighall Road, Glasgow

As a Web Development Intern at PSP Media, I was able to assist the small web development team in managing several public-facing websites. I worked on improving the SEO of the websites, as well as maintaining the data stored in the many databases. During my internship, I picked up many new skills and got valuable exposure to a range of technologies I'd never used previously. The opportunity allowed me to experience working as a web developer in the workplace, further motivating me to succeed.

Supervisor, Nando's (March 2012 – October 2017)

Springfield Quay, Glasgow

Working as a Supervisor at Nando's allowed me to build my communication and leadership skills, as both were fundamental to my role. As part of the managerial team in a fast-paced restaurant environment, I planned shifts and was able to adapt to situations as they occurred.

Sales Assistant, JJB Sports (2009 – 2012)

Mercat Shopping Centre, Kirkcaldy

In my first job at JJB Sports, I was made aware of the importance of customer service and the benefits of working as part of a team. As a sales assistant, I aided customers in the store and offered additional products.

Education

BSc Mobile & Web Development (Hons) (2019 – Present)

University of the West of Scotland, Paisley

I am currently about to start my 4th (honours) year at UWS. Throughout my 3rd year, I was able to further improve my JavaScript skills and build my knowledge of relational databases. I have learned about the variety of DBMS available, how to create an advanced relational database design (such as EER modelling), as well as how to create a physical database design through schemas, data dictionaries and use case diagrams. Towards the end of the year, I created an Android mobile application written in Java, using the Android Studio IDE. This was group coursework which I thoroughly enjoyed being a part of. My 3rd year concluded with me attaining a grade A with distinction.

HND Web Development (2017 - 2019)

City of Glasgow College, Glasgow

I am proud to have completed this HND with an A grade. I learned several new skills in this course, many of which I had never used before, such as HTML, CSS, JavaScript, PHP and jQuery. My dedication to the course and determination to succeed assisted me in keeping on top of my workload at all times. I also undertook additional courses online in my spare time to build upon my learning. In June of 2018, I participated in the regional WorldSkills competition for Web Design, which involved attending additional night classes in the run-up to the competition.

HNC Visual Communication (2010 - 2011)

Adam Smith College, Kirkcaldy

In this course, I learned about various design elements and techniques - both digital and hand-created. This course allowed me to explore my artistic side and also exposed me to Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator software.

Balwearie High School (2004 - 2010)

Kirkcaldy

4 Higher passes – BCCC

7 Standard Grade passes at credit level (inc. Maths/English)

References

References available on request.