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PROFILE

Junior software developer, with a passion for writing quality code and continual learning. For a more in-depth look into who I am or to view all my past/ongoing projects, here is my personal website.

EDUCATION

Dec 2022 - Apr 2023

Makers Academy, Software Engineering Course

London

React, NodeJS, MongoDB, Ruby, PostgreSQL, CSS, Git, Linux

- Achieved **97% code coverage** on a Japanese language learning game by writing extensive **unit, integration and E2E** tests (Jest, Cypress, RSpec)
- Lead development team by utilising agile workflows, conducting code reviews, and organising scrum sprints
- Designed the sketch, wireframe and mock-up of a Japanese language learning game, including the storage and management of the game data utilizing MongoDB
- Maximised project workflow by using Git for code management, branching, and merging- ensuring a streamlined development workflow within teams of 6 people

Sep 2019 — Sep 2022

Bachelor of Science in Physics, University College London

London

Python (SciPy, Matplotlib, Numpy)

Graduated with Second Class Honours (2:1).

- Achieved 2nd place out of 40 groups for best experimental report and group presentation for a research project involving "Hybrid organic-inorganic materials". Responsible for group organisation and communications, along with the data processing and modelling of the experimental data using Python.
- Created user-defined python programs to compare and evaluate experimental data to hypothesized models in a 12-week experiment investigating 'Compton scattering on gamma-rays'.
- 3. **Performed statistical data analysis** which involved tasks such as generating data visualizations, computational treatment of large data sets, and creating 3-dimensional models and animations of physical systems.

Sep 2017 — Jul 2019

Higher Education, Alice Smith International School

Kuala Lumpur

Advanced Levels - 3 A*s in Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics & 1 A in Chemistry

GCSEs - 9 A*s & 2 As, including an A* in Computer Science, Mathematics, and the 3 Sciences

EXPERIENCE

Jun 2022 — Aug 2022

Assistant in Website Development, Wahine Capital

Kuala Lumpur

- Collaborated in the progression of the company's prototype web pages by regularly brainstorming and presenting developmental blueprints
- · Designed the wireframe, flow-diagrams and UI of the company's website
- Utilised Procreate to create layouts for the design and branding of the company

Jul 2019 — Present

Portfolio Projects

Name	Description	Tools/Technologies
<u>Japanese RPG Game</u> - 日本語遊	A language learning game that	React, NodeJS, MongoDB, Jest,
び	incorporates story-driven	Express, JSON Web Tokens,
	gameplay & a coin system, while	Cypress, TailwindCSS, Redux
	tracking learning progress and	Toolkit
	achievements.	
<u>Instant Messaging Application</u> -	An app which has real-time chat	React, NodeJS, MongoDB, Web
ChatterBox	pages, online indicators, upload	Socket APIs, Mongoose, Express,
	and attachment functionalities,	TailwindCSS
	auto-scrolling and others.	
<u>File Sharing Site</u> - FilesToGo	NextJS site that allows users to	TypeScript, NextJS, Brevo API,
	upload files & create download	Multer (NodeJS Middleware),
	pages to share images/music	Express, Cloud-based Media
	through link sharing and emailing.	Management (Cloudinary)

Music Licensing Website -	Website with features such as user	NodeJS, React, JSON Web
BeatHive	authentication, beat uploading and	Tokens, Bcrypt Password Hashing,
	editing, and a shopping cart and	MongoDB, Material-UI
	checkout process for purchasing	
	beats.	
Personal Website v2	My website used to showcase my	NextJS, Framer Motion, CSS,
	experience, skills, and side-	HTML, JavaScript
	projects.	
Investments Tracker	Financial tool used to help users	React, Stock APIs, Chart.js
	make informed decisions by	
	creating real-time graphical	
	visualizations based on	
	investments' performance.	

To view other projects that are not listed in the table (source code/deployment links), click here.

May 2019 - Dec 2021

Freelance Digital Artist

- Sold 5+ custom art commissions to clients through online networking
- Delivered digital art services on projects such as self-portraits, fanart or fantasy landscaping
- Closely collaborated with other artists, composing artwork using Procreate

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming Skills

Languages: JavaScript, Python, TypeScript, PHP, Ruby

Testing: Jest, Cypress, RSpec

Frameworks/Libraries: React, Django, NodeJS, SilverStripe

Databases: PostgreSQL, MongoDB, MySQL

CHARITY & VOLUNTEERING WORK

May 2019 — Jul 2019

Construction Work in Krabi

Krabi, Thailand

With a group of 20 other volunteers, we built essential facilities (bathrooms, piping) for a local village community in Krabi. Day-to-day responsibilities included mixing cement, laying structural foundations, wheelbarrowing material, and more.

Jan 2020 — Apr 2020

Fund Raising for Breast Cancer Research

United Kingdom

Raised £1.2k for the organisation Breast Cancer Now through full-day bucket collections in Birmingham & Central London, internet fundraising, and donation-based crowdfunding through social media marketing campaigns and mutual connections.