

Personal statement

Having always been interested by behaviour driven interaction and user centric design; working as a developer gives me the perfect outlet to explore my interests. I constantly aspire to deliver work of a high standard and I thrive from working within a team. I am also a strong believer in continual self development and life-long learning.

Personal Information

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Contract / Freelance UX / UI Developer / Consultant history

11/2014 - Date. Manchester / Liverpool / London / Bolton / Telford

Worked for large companies such as The Fragrance Shop and AO.com along with varied sized agencies such as Uniform, Sectorlight and 90 Degrees. Building responsive layouts / modules / components / websites via a range of frameworks such as Foundation 6 / Susy & Breakpoints / Bootstrap / custom responsive grids. Varied workflow environments - NPM & Gulp preferred, some exposure to Grunt. Exposure to JavaScript frameworks such as REACT / Angular 1. Proficient full-stack WordPress development & frontend for .net CMS Kentico / Sitecore / Umbraco. Able to consult in content strategy, user experience and frontend tech.

Employment history

08/2014 - 11/2014. Black Swan Data: Manchester

Interface Developer: Looking to further develop my skill set; I joined Black Swan for the diversity of the work. Working here I was developing the interface for airline portals via the partnership with Panasonic Avionics. Working with various airlines; my focus was on AirBerlin and Scoot. Portals were expected to be of the highest quality and function seamlessly across a range of devices. Built with HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript, JSON on an MVC framework. Rich interactive experiences were delivered with the use CSS3 2D and 3D transforms with the use Modernizr for graceful degradation. Dynamic data is driven via AirPana emulators, utilising DRM, PPA and JSON and configured via custom data attributes. Working daily with libraries such as animate.css and underscore.js. Workflow included the use of GitHub, Source Tree, Bitbucket, Confluence and JIRA. Front-end methodologies adopted were the use of BEM and Pseudo code. Using Grunt to compile files ready for deployment to UAT servers. Other responsibilities were the migration of older portals, restructuring the code and directories to that of the new approach for portals and new emulators.

06/2011 - 07/2014. Reading Room: Manchester

UX Developer: I originally joined Reading Room to focus the progression of my web development skill-set. Working at Reading Room has been an excellent opportunity for me to grow, both technically and commercially. Technically, the job requires on a daily basis front-end skills such as HTML5 / XHTML, PHP, CSS2 / 3, JavaScript and XML. The most commonly used JavaScript Library at Reading Room is JQuery. Commercially, the job requires me to be involved with company process. This entails tasks such as contributing to process documents, producing contractual client documents, being commercially aware of one's own work, attending client kick-off meetings and client training. The workflow environment at Reading Room requires developers to use tools such as XAMPP for localhost HTML / PHP development, FTP to DEV / UAT servers for HTML / PHP projects, remote desktop for .NET servers and using Tortoise SVN to version control working files. I have worked and gained experience working on CMS such as Drupal, WordPress, Immediacy, Sitecore, Kentico and have recently worked on theming Telligent and working with Terminalfour. As a UX developer this also means I provide recommendations / advice for user experience during the design stage of projects.

Education

2002 – 2005. Staffordshire University Location: Stoke-on-Trent
Degree: BA (Hons) Multimedia Graphics Grade: 2:1
Final Project: A prototype online educational resource involving games design utilising webcam technology.

Specific Skills

Workflow / Tools / Environment

Photoshop / Illustrator	Visual Studio 2015 / 2017
Gulp / NPM / Python 3 / XAMPP	Agile Scrum / Lean / Kanban development
Git / SourceTree / Bitbucket	Confluence / JIRA
SASS / SCSS	

Skills / Abilities / Experience

HTML / CSS / SASS / SCSS
Bootstrap / Foundation 6 front end frameworks
Object Orientated CSS via BEM methodology
Developing websites to W3C standards
Developing adaptive / responsive websites via: CSS media queries, php device detection, Susy grid
Vanilla JavaScript / ES6 / JQuery interaction
.Net Front-end development for Sitecore / Kentico / Umbraco / Misc
Full-stack WordPress Developer

Anything else in-between interests

Have the cycling bug - I commute by cycling and love mountain biking
Visiting art galleries, museums, public art and exhibitions
Passion for motorbikes and classic cars
Music and gigs / socialising with friends and family
Networking with other creatives - active member for McrFRED Meetup
Traveling & experiencing different foods / cultures

Outside work achievements / commitments I'm proud of

Oxfam volunteer - volunteered at the Trail Trekker event across 3 shifts throughout the full 2 day event
Events volunteer for other Meetup organisers
Member of Tech Events North West for organisers
Organiser of WA Digital Meetup
Founder of Warrington Digital Ltd