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Summary

- Experienced creative Web Designer, with practical design skills in **Photoshop, Illustrator, Dreamweaver and Flash** as well as **HTML** and programming skills
- Experienced in film and video production having used **Final Cut Pro, DVD Studio Pro and Soundtrack**
- Developed **project management** skills during degree studies and in freelance web design assignments, designing a number of websites for commercial purposes
- **Results driven,** able to find innovative solutions to problems while working as an assistant retail manager and during my social media web project
- Able to **communicate** ideas clearly and creatively using storyboarding techniques and formal presentations in line with client specifications
- Researched **multi-disciplinary** approaches to design using diverse creative and technical methods as part of degree studies
- Confident user of applications and experienced in delivering technical presentations to clients and for academic projects during my degree. Proficient user of Microsoft Project having used it to manage project budgets, timescales and resources while working as a web designer

Education

Sept 2015 – Jun 2018   **BSc (Hons) Computer Science** *(Predicted 2:1),* Brunel University London
Degree brings together computer technology and creative design skills by integrating aspects of IT, media, design, communication and engineering in key modules: *(not always needed)*

Key modules:

- Introductory Programming
- Digital Media and Games
- Software Engineering

- Usability Engineering
- Information Systems and Organisations
- Data and Information

Final year dissertation: In-depth piece of research work resulting in a promotional music video. Project used highly interactive platforms and a variety of photographic, web design and video techniques

Sept 2012 – June 2014   **A-levels Computer Science** (B), **Maths** (C) **Physics** (C), London College

Sept 2007 – June 2012   **10 GCSEs (A-B grades)** including Maths (B) and English (A), Farnham College

Employment History

Sept 2015 – present   **Freelance Web Designer**

Successfully completed a number of assignments designing websites for a variety of professional and personal clients. Achievements to date include:

- www.finchleykitchens.co.uk   Commercial website for firm specialising in kitchen design
- www.fisherphotography.com Provided technical expertise to family run business, particularly from a marketing perspective
- www.middlesexcc.co.uk Design, creation and ongoing maintenance of website for Middlesex County Cricket League

Technical Projects

Software development and management project
- A particularly rigorous project which entailed the bottom-up process of taking a closer look at an existing software system, evaluating the amount of effort and resources
- Recognising competitor solutions or possible alternatives to the software demonstrated analytical skills
- Thorough understanding of project lifecycle was developed by using specific software to depict the certain stages (or milestones) in the project in relation to hours worked
- Acknowledgement of new technologies and their capabilities was achieved through inspecting and evaluating a CAD (Computer- Aided Design) software

Website development project
- The first year group project at university asked groups of students to design and code a new department website full of features for first year undergraduate students belonging to the department. Achieved an award for outstanding group performance
- Working to tight deadlines required precise and effective organisational skills whilst also managing others at times
- Motivated the team and directed the project towards the various tasks and requirements
- Sketched and annotated designs which were later implemented on the website, requiring enthusiasm to turn an idea into reality
- Developed communication and problem solving skills by modifying the website on numerous occasions according to the feedback from the group

Android/Java project
- A Year 2 group project, which focused on creating an android application, with three adaptable screens, for the specified users. As a group, we decided to create a volunteering opportunities app for a range of audiences
- The tools used to complete the project were Android SDK and Eclipse Juno. The app was coded mainly using Java and allowed me to further develop my skills
- Presented design stages of individual application to tutor and peers through a presentation
- Taught myself how to use SQL databases and Jetty, using self-help tutorials and networking with other students at the university

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Part-time Employment

Sept 2015 – Aug 2016	Motorcycle Courier	ABC Couriers

- Delivered packages across London and South East region, working quickly and effectively
- Worked to targets and under pressure of time and difficult working conditions
- Logged deliveries on a dedicated computer database using hand-held technologies

July 2014 – Aug 2015	Assistant Manager	Finchley Motorcycles

- Took a gap year after A levels and progressed from general assistant to assistant manager position
- Responsible for staff rotas, recruitment and training, developed team working and communication skills
- Regular liaison with suppliers, placing and sourcing orders, developed my client management and commercial awareness skills
- Developed marketing strategies and maintenance of the company Facebook page and website

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Interests

Technology
- Recreational photography including digital manipulation of images for my blog - www.bloggingbrits.co.uk
- Keen computer games enthusiast and have ambitions to develop the technical skills to design my own games

Sports
- Relax by playing cricket in a county league side. Also contribute to annual fund raising events and coach the junior side, helping me to develop skills such as team work and problem solving