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Introduction

A highly motivated individual with a strong technical background, gained from both practical experience and academia. An eye for the big picture and an attention to detail, combined with great people skills, has helped to build constructive working relationships with clients.

Core Competencies

Web Accessibility, (X)HTML, CSS, PHP, MySQL

Additional Skills

JavaScript & AJAX, Graphic Design, Unix administration, Perl, Java, SOAP

Sample Projects

I was the sole developer on all of the projects listed below.

Sursum Corda

Content Management System and E-commerce Framework, developed for clients of Hiltonian Media. Over 20,000 lines of code.

Guildford Cathedral

Large website with CMS. <http://www.guildford-cathedral.org>

Disturbia Clothing

E-Commerce site. Graphics provided by client – challenging layout for maintaining accessibility. <http://www.disturbiaclothing.co.uk>

Education & Qualifications

2003-2006: Grey College, University of Durham
Degree BSc (Hons) Computer Science (2.1)
Dissertation “Evaluating Website Integrity” (First-class)
1997-2002: The King Edward VI School, Morpeth
A-Level Physics (A); ICT (A); Music (B)
A/S-Level D&T: Systems and Control (A)
GCSE 2 × A*; 5 × A; 2 × B; 1 × C

Awards

EEF Northern Region Award for Contribution to Business;
Award for outstanding achievement in Foundations of Computer Science - Department of Computer Science, University of Durham.

Professional Membership

Member of the British Computer Society
Member of the Institution of Engineering and Technology (formerly IEE)
Member of the Church of England Guild of Vergers

Current Positions

Proprietor, Hiltonian Media (Website developer & accessibility consultant)
Pastoral Tutor, Grey College, University of Durham
Relief Verger, Durham Cathedral

Professional Experience

Metal Spinners Group (2002-2004)

Initially part of the Year in Industry scheme, I was subsequently employed during University vacations. I was awarded the EEF Northern Region Award for Contribution to Business for my work, which included everything from day-to-day IT support to project management and web development. I also managed the IT department at a sister company for three months.

C4 Sightcare (1999-2002)

This job involved interaction with patients, general secretarial work and repairing spectacles. I started here as a work experience student and was quickly employed on a part-time basis throughout the remainder of my school education.

Educational Experience

Conductor, Durham University Hill Orchestra (2005-2006)

Combining the leadership and teamwork skills demanded of any orchestral conductor, this was a fantastic opportunity to develop personally and musically.

Grey College JCR Website Editor (2005-2006)

An elected position on the JCR Executive Committee; husting, public speaking and manifesto literature were important to secure the role. The JCR website is one of the most visited in Durham University. Responsible for ensuring the website meets the needs of the JCR members; this involved feature development, editorial work and managing a team of sub-editors.

Publicity Officer, Durham University Hill Orchestra (2004-2005)

Responsible for publicising concerts and recruiting new members for the University's second-largest orchestral. Significantly improved audience attendance.

TeenRecruit (2000-2001)

A Young Enterprise company. As Operations Director, my job involved maintaining the website and ensuring that projects ran to time and budget. Teamwork was essential and presentations had to be made to a variety of audiences throughout the year. Regional finalists in the Young Enterprise scheme.

Miscellaneous

Hobbies

Music ('cellist, conductor), Skiing, Walking

Specialised Involvement

Northumberland Schools' Symphony Orchestra (lead 'cello)
School Orchestra (lead 'cello & guest conductor)
School choir and Chamber Choir (auditioned)
Beavers/Cubs/Scouts from age 5 to 16