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Profile

Since leaving Secondary School my years have been filled with study, work and travel. I believe that these experiences have gifted me many skills and attributes. I am confident that I am adaptable, hard-working and reliable. Much of this I feel I have received from my work experience. I have gained accuracy skills and become more confident through my various studies both at College and University. I am aware of the demands in the industry I am looking to work in, equally comfortable working as part of a team or individually. My skills that I aim to bring to any job are varied, gathered from both study and work and from life experience itself.

Education

Edinburgh Napier University – *First Class Honours in Creative Computing BSc*

September 2016 – June 2018

Honours Project

A Python based ambient display project designed to challenge a user when using a computer about how they approach information security. The idea was to alert a user using an ambient display when a new email arrived. If this email had a link or attachment the ambient display would choose the appropriate colour. The theory being it would make the user think more about how they receive an email, due to email phishing being one of the biggest ways to exploit a company for its private information.

Key Skills Learned

During my time at Napier I developed practical understanding of the methods and techniques used in the conception and development of practices such as Digital Storytelling, Motion Graphics & Visual Effects. Furthering my front-end web development skills of User Experience (UX) & Interactions progressing into more coding languages such as Python, jQuery & minor PHP, already knowing HTML & CSS3. Also exploring the Information Security aspect of a business and how important this practice is to be undertaken by all staff members.

I furthered my skills with the Adobe Creative Suite, learning new techniques and updating what I previously absorbed in College.

Edinburgh College – *HND: Visual Communication (Grade A)*

HND Year: August 2015 – June 2016 / HNC Year: August 2007 – June 2008

Developing a practice of communication through visual aid presented or expressed with 2D images through graphic design, illustration, drawing, signs, advertising and animation. Introducing Web Design & UX/UI (User Experience/Interaction).

Work Experience

Freelance (January 2016 – present)

During my time back at College and then onto University I occasionally picked up freelance work within web design, graphic design and animation. To progress these skills further as I went through university, gaining extra experience.

Currently I am working freelance full time as of June 2018. Mostly on [UpWork.com](https://www.upwork.com), yet I also work privately for some clients locally, and also a company known as Exposure Ninja who hired me as a freelancer at the start of the year. I freelance in mostly Web Development such as Lead Generation websites focusing on CRO and UX, as well as some graphic design and motion graphics including SVG interactive animations.

Working Travel Visa: Australia (Oct 2013 – June 2014)

During my time in Australia, I mostly worked on farms helping with and learning how they worked and functioned, planting or tending to produce and working with animals. I was able to bring my knowledge of carpentry and help with new projects or repairs.

Working Travel Visa: New Zealand (Nov 2011 – Oct 2013)

Starting in the demolitions industry I moved up the ranks to foreman developing my team working skills, leadership abilities and showed I could work well to a deadline, since this was a time focused industry. After a successful run in demolitions I was given the opportunity to move into the construction aspect of this industry. I was trained as a carpenter, while working as a hammer-hand due to the shortage of this skill. I worked mainly as part of the Earthquake Repair service for damaged buildings throughout the city of Christchurch, picking up many skills in carpentry, learning the trade.

Tesco Supermarkets PLC (May 2007 – Nov 2011)

During my time at Tesco I was involved with customer service the most and was able to start the development of many skills that would later help in the future. Such as working as a team, conversing with the public that involved a good level of decisiveness with dealing with complaints for example. Right before I left to go travelling, I was working up to the role of Team Leader in my department.

Festival Volunteering - Eden (2015 – 2018) / Kelburn Garden Party (2010 – 2011, 2014 – 2015)

Working as part of a team involved in the construction crew for one of the music/bar tents at Eden festival, while apart of a team involved with the construction and decorations to get the Kelburn Garden Party ready as part of a tight deadline.

Personal Interests

Outside Work

When not working I am either travelling, hiking, gaming, reading or socialising

Work Related

During some of my free time I keep up to date with the latest tutorials regarding my skillset or software used. Keeping on top of the latest developments in my industry as well as looking into new skills and design techniques to learn which can open new opportunities with work or as an aid to any existing projects.

References

Can be provided upon request.