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Personal statement

I'm an aspiring full-stack web developer self-motivated and with a wealth of practical experience across the full development life cycle of commercial web-based solutions. I have a bachelor's degree in foreign languages, I am ambitious and eager to learn new technologies and adhere to coding standards and practices proven to improve performance. I advocate for modern coding techniques and development practices including Agile, Service-Oriented Architecture and OOP. I predominantly work with PHP, MySQL, SSH and Git in LAMP environments to deliver applications intended either for back office or client facing. I am quick to assimilate new ideas, concepts and cutting-edge technologies, and I would like to focus more on technical architecture, systems analysis, as well as driving teams and projects though I've yet to gather experience with people management.

Key Skills

- Proficient in server-side and front-end development (PHP, MySQL, Laravel (Nova), WordPress, etc.).
- Comfortable with configuring and maintaining infrastructure / server environments
- Exposure to AWS, Docker / Kubernetes, serverless.
- Accustomed to modern development practices – planning, tracking, versioning systems.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Proficiency in all areas of Microsoft Office.

Employment History

SuperYachts.com, London (November 2019 – April 2020)

I took on the role of web developer at SuperYachts.com knowing too well that it would include both back-end and front-end development as well as dev ops responsibilities while the company was claiming self sustainability from agencies and contractors. My responsibilities had been to take ownership of the code base and infrastructure, and bring in-house all things related to the company website and various software platforms used to power it. I had succeeded in my challenge just when the COVID-19 crisis hit at which point the management decided to suspend the department and only perform essential work on a contract base. They were at that point in a great position to pursue this approach.

British Horseracing Authority, London (January 2019 – October 2019)

The BHA is responsible for the governance, administration and regulation of horseracing and the wider horseracing industry in Britain. As part of a team of three I was responsible for creating and maintaining various APIs that either hydrate apps and websites, or handle data between different departments or 3rd parties. From the get-go I pushed for various industry standard practices ranging from the use of Jira and Slack, to versioning and coding practices, to considering cloud to the on-premise infrastructure – I'm pleased to say most commits don't go to the master branches anymore, and they're trying out Google Cloud platform as a potential venture for next year.

DM Companies / VivaStreet, London (July 2018 – November 2018)

VivaStreet is a classified platform that powers websites in more than 15 countries across four continents, generating more than 40 million monthly users. The challenges of upgrading existing code to a more service-oriented architecture in the cloud have offered great opportunities to learn about containerization, service-oriented architecture, continuous integration and the importance of planning and road mapping. I've had the chance to work with TypeScript and serverless to build and deploy various services that were then integrated into the platform.

Apogee Corporation, London (October 2014 – June 2018)

Mostly "brownfield" development and maintenance of web-based applications used by different departments in the organization (e.g. sales, CRM, employees etc) as well as new customer facing web apps and API's to allow interaction between different such applications. Also involved in managing the corporate website (and other e-commerce satellite sites) and dedicated hosting servers:

- Successfully migrated data (customers, fleet, sales figures) when the company acquired and merged with other market players from Europe or the UK
- Developed a new intranet site that interacted with other internal services as well as from 3rd parties by use of API to allow create a central point for all employees to use on a daily basis
- Improved existing applications to keep up with the continuous growth of the company and implemented a development process for the growing dev team to follow and deliver results

CTO - The Tab (Tab Media Ltd), London (July – August 2014)

The Tab is the ambitious idea of two very bright young entrepreneurs - George Marangos-Gilks and Jack Rivlin. Undertaking the CTO role there is part of my own ambitions to progress my career to a management level. I am grateful to George and Jack for having the confidence in me and allowing me to experience a managing role and the challenges of a start-up business.

- Developed various WordPress plugins and modules to accommodate the needs of an extremely fast growing online media agency
- Managed dedicated web server and dealt with the challenges of huge traffic spikes

Senior web developer – Ignite Hospitality, London (February 2012 – February 2013)

Vibrant digital agency active primarily in the hospitality industry. I'm proud to have been the web developer of a brilliant team, as we delivered websites and campaigns with social media integration for hotels and restaurants in and around London.

Education

University "Dimitrie Cantemir", Bucharest (2005 - 2008)

Bachelor's in Foreign Languages

English

French

German

Other Accomplishes

World Intellectual Property Organization - WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Centre
(September 1998 - June 2004)

In 2008 I represented one of the largest hotels in Romania in a case against a third party that had purchased a TLD domain name similar to my client's name and was using it as a phishing site by posting as my client. I've gathered evidence and documents and eventually won the case that granted my client ownership over the domain name the other person had purchased and been using maliciously

The case decision and decision are presented here:

<http://www.wipo.int/amc/en/domains/decisions/html/2008/d2008-0801.html>

References

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More references are available upon request.