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Junior Full Stack Developer

Professional Summary

Dedicated Junior Software Engineer with over two years of experience in software development, specializing in full-stack web technologies. Proven ability to design, develop, and maintain software solutions within Agile teams. Skilled in modern development practices, including React, Node.js, and RESTful APIs, with a strong focus on collaboration, quality assurance, and continuous improvement. Passionate about creating full-stack applications by effectively utilizing a diverse set of tools and technologies to achieve project goals.

Areas Of Expertise

HTML | CSS | Javascript | Jquery Library | React | React Native | NodeJs | NoSQL | MongoDB | Github | Scrum | JWT | Mongoose | UI/UX | Wordpress | UI/UX | HTTP Restful API | Agile

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Professional Experience

Full Stack Development with NodeJS | SwapSquare - C2C App | Yoobee | July 2024 - September 2024 | Team Project

- ○ **Key Role Requirements**
    - ○ Designed and developed a full-stack web application, including backend APIs with Node.js and frontend interfaces with React.
    - ○ Implemented user authentication and authorization using JWT.
    - ○ Integrated Stripe for secure payment processing.
    - ○ Led morning stand-up meetings, ensuring effective communication and Agile collaboration.
    - ○ Set up and manage a MongoDB database for user data storage

- ○ **Tools**
  - ○ Visual Studio
  - ○ Github
  - ○ NodeJS
  - ○ React
  - ○ MongoDB
  - ○ Stripe
  - ○ Bcrypt

Achievements

- ○ Learnt NodeJS backend development and Databases in an extremely short timeframe
- ○ Effectively collaborated with my team in a team using agile methodology and communicated well using various tools
- ○ Strengthened skills in backend development, API design, and working within a development team using Agile methodologies.
- ○ In charge of databases and repositories for project with earnt a "proficient" mark upon hand in

Github repo: https://github.com/Ben-Ricketts/SwapSquare

Front End Developer | The Bay Accommodation | Yoobee | Apr 2024 - July 2024

- ● **Key Role Requirements**
  - ○ Designed and implemented UI/UX for a responsive web application using JavaScript and jquery.
  - ○ Conducted user testing to ensure a seamless experience across devices.
  - ○ Led documentation efforts, including Persona development and project planning using Kanban.
  - ○ Carried out additional user testing and feedback to ensure smooth functionality and quality user experience.

- ● **Tools**
  - ○ Visual Studio
  - ○ AdobeXD
  - ○ HTML, CSS & Javascript
  - ○ SASS
  - ○ Jquery library

Achievements

- Developed a fully responsive website that met all project specifications and deadlines.
- Learned deep fundamentals of traversing the DOM.
- Earned a "Proficient" mark for this project.

Live site: https://thebayaccomodation.netlify.app/
Github repo: https://github.com/Ben-Ricketts/TheBayAccomodation

Web Development using Wordpress | WhichCraftz.co.nz | Yoobee | September 2024 - November 2024 | Client Project

- **Key Role Requirements**
  - Built a CMS-powered website using WordPress and Elementor.
  - Provided hosting solutions and maintenance for security and SEO
  - Managed client communication, gathering requirements and providing design recommendations.
  - Configured remote hosting through MyHost.
  - Maintaining plugins in regards to security, SEO and backups e.g. wordfence, Yoast, Updraft

- **Tools**
  - Wordpress
  - Elementor (plugin)
  - Remote hosting through MyHost
  - Teams for communication with client
  - Starter templates (plugin)
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Achievements

- Delivered a real-world client project with a functional, visually appealing website.
- Strengthened skills in CMS management and client collaboration.

Live site: https://whichcraftz.co.nz/

Work History

Textiles Alive
2021-2024
Head of Print Production

A Production Operator at Textile Alive, responsible for operating several large-scale printers for the production of a wide range of advertising products, including flags, banners, and fabric walls. This role demanded exceptional time management skills, consistently meeting tight deadlines and fulfilling large orders for hundreds of clients. A strong emphasis was placed on quality assurance to maintain efficient production flow throughout the facility.

- **Key Role Requirements**
  - Management of job orders, following exact quantity amounts and checking which fabrics they were to be printed on.
  - Communication with other team members to ensure work met deadlines.
  - Maintenance of machinery and stock (this also involved communicating with technicians to ensure machinery operated efficiently).
  - Quality assurance of prints, looking for head strikes etc.
  - Double checking job sheets for any discrepancies or mistakes.

Brandstand
2017-2021
Exhibition Stand Installer/Dismantler

This role required close communication with management in order to execute the clients requests for stands being built at public exhibitions such as the food show, big boys toys, travel expo etc. Good use of team communication, handyness with tools, time management and project execution were critical in this role. On site communication with clients in order to carry out their vision for Exhibitions were common.

- **Key Role Requirements**
  - Project management of Exhibition installations
  - Packing of vehicles methodically as space was limited
  - Communication with clients
  - Exhibition installation and disassembly

Qualifications & Certificates

- Diploma in Web Development and UX Design (Level 6) – 2024 – Yoobee Online
- Certificate in Web Development (Micro-Credential) (Level 5) - 2023 - Yoobee Online
- Bachelor of Communications, Auckland University of Technology (Level 7) 2017-2020

Interests Outside of Work

- Playing drums.
- Gaming and following game news and development.
- Spending quality time with my wife and travelling/exploring.

Referees

Referees available upon request