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Summary

Highly experienced and technically efficient Front-End Web Developer and Accessibility Specialist with 25+ years of expertise crafting accessible, user-centric web experiences for diverse industries, from agencies to corporate settings in both public and private sectors. Proven ability to lead accessibility initiatives, implement WCAG guidelines, collaborate effectively within agile teams and communicate via business reporting. Passionate about leveraging cutting-edge technologies and best practices to deliver exceptional digital solutions.

Skills

Front-End Development:

HTML5, CSS3, SASS, JavaScript (ES6+), TypeScript, jQuery, React, Next.js, Angular, Vue.js, Node.js, API Integration, Bootstrap, Tailwind, Material UI, Express.js, Responsive Design, Mobile-First Development, GDS Design Patterns, Ai Integration, ChatGPT, Gemini, Claude, Deepseek, Microsoft CoPilot.

Accessibility:

WCAG 2.1 (A, AA, AAA), AXE, Siteimprove, NVDA, JAWS, VoiceOver, Keyboard Navigation Testing, Accessibility Auditing, Report Generation.

CMS/Platforms:

Drupal (7, 8, 9, 10, 11), WordPress, Sitecore, Umbraco, Liferay, Coherent UI (Game UI), Azure DevOps, Git/GitHub, Docker, Lando, Composer, Microsoft, C# & .Net

Tools:

Sublime Text, Visual Studio Code, Cursor Ai, Eclipse, Figma, Photoshop, Chrome DevTools, Firefox DevTools, NPM, Gulp, Node, GIT, Webpack, Trello, MAMP, MySQL Workbench, Vite, Create React App, Vercel.

Other:

Trello, Jira, Agile Methodologies, Pipelines, Scrum, Kanban, Cross-Browser Testing, Unit testing TDD Jest, Performance Optimization, SEO Best Practices

Experience

October 2019 – Present

Contract - Front End Web Developer and Accessibility specialist - Croydon Council, Croydon & Remote

For nearly six years, I have been a key member of Croydon Council's Croydon Digital Service (CDS) department, where my role has evolved across a variety of projects. Initially, I helped develop a new PHP-based Drupal 8 website on an Azure DevOps platform - a system that has since been upgraded to Drupal 11. Later, I divided my time between maintaining the Croydon site and collaborating on the development of a white-label version, known as LocalGov Drupal, for distribution to other councils. This initiative has been a resounding success, with numerous councils adopting the codebase.

In addition to my work with Drupal, I have been involved in developing solutions using Netcall Liberty Create, a low-code platform, enabling rapid application development for internal and public-facing services. I have also worked extensively with Vue.js to add custom front-end interactivity and enhance the user experience.

Furthermore, I have been leading the redevelopment of an outdated WordPress site that promotes digital tech in the borough. This new platform is being rebuilt using Next.js React, hosted via Vercel with a Supabase Postgres SQL database.

I have been the sole front-end development and accessibility specialist within a multi-disciplinary Agile team working in two-week sprints. I have also partnered with the Shaw Trust to meet WCAG 2.1 AA accessibility standards.

Skills used:

HTML5 / CSS3 / SASS / Native & ES6 JavaScript / Typescript / Vue.js / React / Vite / Next.js / Vercel / Supabase / Postgres SQL / Node.js / jQuery / GDS design patterns / Azure / GIT/GitHub / PHP / Twig / NPM / Gulp / Bootstrap 4 / Sublime / Photoshop / WCAG 2.1 Accessibility Guidelines / AXE / Siteimprove / NVDA / JAWS / VoiceOver / Responsive / Mobile-first / WordPress / Drupal 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 / Docker / Lando / Composer / Unit Testing / TDD/Jest / Trello / MAMP / MySQL Workbench / Netcall Liberty Create (Low-code platform)

October 2022 – October 2023

Side Project – Front End Web Developer and Accessibility specialist - Proventeq, Tata Consulting, Walgreens Boots Alliance, Remote

I worked with Proventeq and Tata Consulting as the sole Front End Web Developer and Accessibility Specialist on a large-scale promotional offer system for Walgreens Boots Alliance (Boots.com). Working remotely with a UK/India team, I ensured WCAG 2.1 AA compliance for the headless Java (JSP)/Liferay portal (Azure DevOps) by performing ongoing accessibility reviews (using Siteimprove, AXE, NVDA, VoiceOver, and manual testing) and reporting to the business through compliance reports.

Liferay was configured in a headless structure, with the front end built using React, consuming APIs to handle dynamic content and complex user interactions.

My role also included front-end development, focusing on API-driven React applications and JavaScript/TypeScript-based form interactions, ensuring seamless user experiences based on Figma designs.

Skills used:

Liferay (Headless CMS) / Eclipse / JSP / HTML5 / CSS3 / SASS / ES6 JavaScript & TypeScript / React / API Integration / TDD/Jest / Azure DevOps (Ticketing, Pipelines, etc.) / GIT/GitHub / NPM / Node.js / Gulp / Visual Studio Code / Figma / WCAG 2.1 Accessibility Guidelines / Responsive Design / NVDA / AXE / Siteimprove / VoiceOver

March 2019 – May 2019

Contract - Front End Web Developer - University of Southampton (NIHR), Southampton

I worked with the University of Southampton to support the rollout of a newly designed website for the NIHR (National Institute for Health Research). My role involved creating component-based assets and integrating them into a React based application. Key responsibilities included building cross-browser, multi-device, and WCAG 2.1-compliant accessible webpages from Photoshop designs.

HTML5 / React / Material UI / Express.js / CSS3 / SASS / Photoshop / CSS Animations / GIT / Bitbucket / VSCode / Mobile First / Responsive.

June 2018 – March 2019

Contract - Front End Web Developer – Gallagher Communication, Liphook

Gallagher Communication is a global communications agency based in Liphook, Hampshire, serving high-profile clients such as Husqvarna, Nike, BMW, Newfield, Lifepoint, Penske, and AXA to manage their employee communications and benefits. My role involved delivering a variety of services, including the development of standalone React and Bootstrap 4 websites, Angular JS-based 'Benefit Brochure' sites using their proprietary 'Core' platform, and HTML email campaigns. I built cross-browser, multi-device, and accessible websites from designs provided in Photoshop, Sketch, and InVision formats. Additionally, I produced HTML emails using Mailchimp and tested them in Litmus.

HTML5 / Angular JS / React / CSS3 / SASS / Photoshop / Sketch / Invision / CSS Animations / GIT / Bootstrap 4 / VSCode / Mobile First / Responsive / Mailchimp / Litmus

May 2018 – June 2018

Contract - Front End Web Developer – Jaywing Ltd, Newbury

Jaywing is a full-service agency based in Newbury, Berkshire. I worked with them on a new website build for the University of Portsmouth. The website was developed on the Microsoft Sitecore platform, utilizing Jaywing's bespoke front-end framework called 'Atomic,' which is loosely based on 'Foundation'.

March 2018 – April 2018

Contract - Front End Web Developer – 21Six Limited, Fair Oak

21Six is a full service agency based in Fair Oak, Hampshire. Due to rapid growth, 21Six needed an experienced FE dev who could 'hit the ground running' to handle some urgent web development work. The brief was to take the current website for the 'Aviator' hotel in Farnborough and port it from 'Cobalt CMS' to 'Wordpress' whilst retaining the existing design and content and making that design fully responsive.

August 2017 – March 2018

Contract - Front End Web Developer – Haymarket Media Group, Twickenham

Haymarket media are a large media company who operate over 70 magazine and web-based brands. The role primarily involved the creation of new UI modules for their online magazines such as STUFF, Classic and Sports Car, Four Four Two and What Hi-Fi?. I worked as part of a team in an Agile Kanban Scrum environment via Jira with a Drupal 7/8 CMS.

Jan 2017 – Jul 2017: Contract - UI Dev - Supermassive Games Ltd, Guildford;

Aug 2016 – Dec 2016: Contract - FE Dev - Cigna UK, London;

Dec 2015 – Aug 2016: Contract - FE Dev - Pharmiweb Solutions;

Nov 2015 – Dec 2015: Contract - FE Dev – Agent3, London;

Oct 2015 – Nov 2015: FE Dev - Precedent, London;

Sep 2015: Contract - FE Dev - Ego Creative, Ewshot Surrey;

Sep 2015: Contract - FE Dev - Precedent, London;

Aug 2015 – Sep 2015: Contract - FE Dev - Eteach, Camberley;

Mar 2015 – Jul 2015: Contract - FE Dev - Pharmiweb, Bracknell;

Aug 2011 - Feb 2015: Contract - FE Dev - O2 Telefónica, Slough;

Oct 2010 - Aug 2011: Contract - FE Dev - Sapien @ Vodafone, Newbury;

Mar 2010 – Oct 2010: Contract - FE Dev - Arcadia Group;

Jan 2010 – Mar 2010: Contract - FE Dev - Sceneric, Newbury;

Nov 2009 – Dec 2009: Contract - FE Dev – 4DInteractive;

Jun 2009 – Nov 2009: Contract - FE Dev – Brandwidth;

Apr 2009 – May 2009: Contract - FE Dev – GAME;

Apr 2009: Contract - FE Dev - BITE CP;

Dec 2008 - Mar 2009: Contract - FE Dev - CORGI Services Ltd;

Oct 2008 - Dec 2008: Contract - FE Dev - Arcadia Group;

Mar 2008 - Oct 2008: Contract - FE Dev - Clearswift;

Jan 2008 - Mar 2008: Contract - FE Dev - Arcadia Group;

Dec 2007 - Jan 2008: Contract - XHTML Dev – BSKYB;

Oct 2007 – Dec 2007: Contract - FE Dev - Arcadia Group;

Aug 2007 – Oct 2007: Contract - FE Dev – Archibald Ingall Stretton;
Jul 2007 - Aug 2007: Contract - FE Dev - Conchango;
Apr 2007 - Jul 2007: Contract - FE Dev - Arcadia Group;
Apr 2007: Contract - FE Dev - Airlock;
Feb 2007 - Apr 2007: Contract - FE Dev - Digitas;
Nov 2006 - Feb 2007: Contract - FE Dev - Yell.com;
Sep 2006 - Nov 2006: Contract - FE Dev - Which? Magazine;
Jun 2004 - Sep 2006: Perm - FE Dev - Bluhalo Ltd;
Apr 2000 - Jun 2004: Perm - Corporate Webmaster - Hogg Robinson Plc;
Jul 1999 - Apr 2000: Perm - Web Officer - Rushmoor Borough Council.

University Education:

BA (Hons) 2:1 in English Literature from the University of Surrey (1999)

School Education:

3 A-levels (English Literature, History and Theatre Studies), **9 GCSEs**

Date of Birth: June 1978

Nationality: British

Marital Status: Married

Driving Licence: Full UK

Interests: Music, Cars, Travel, Films, Fishing, Diving