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Professional overview:

I am currently studying for the Microsoft Certified Systems Developer (MCSD) qualification and Macromedia's Web development qualifications in Flash MX and Dreamweaver MX. Using the latest technologies to develop applications on line and for the desktop. I am fast learning, enthusiastic and eager to advance in the IT industry. Broadly life experienced I have worked in many fields and travelled the world extensively.

Key Skill Set:

- The new .NET.
- I run various web sites and managed a LAN for Forge Ahead Ltd.
- I'm skilled in managing IT requirements on a tight budget.
- A proven track record of learning and utilizing new technologies rapidly.
- I'm client facing in the consumer market.

Software Skills:

- Visual Basic .NET
- Visual C#
- Visual Studio .NET 2003
- Visual Studio .NET 2005
- ASP.NET
- ADO.NET
- Microsoft SQL Server 2000/2005
- HTML/XHTML
- Cascading Style Sheets
- XML & XML Web services
- JavaScript
- Flash MX/2004/8
- Dreamweaver MX/2004/8
- Fireworks MX/2004/8
- ActionScript/2.0
- Photoshop 7/CS/CS2
- Paint Shop Pro 7/8

Accomplishments:

I'm a savvy development professional with polished, persuasive communication skills and strong, demonstrated experience in Visual Studio .NET, VB.NET, Flash, Dreamweaver and a host of related industry software.

Always eager to learn, with an undying ambition to help teach others the skills and know-how attained through dedication and enthusiasm.

Consistently experimenting with new ideas and researching new technologies to ensure only the most efficient, cost-effective and impactful development and design possible.

Work Experience:

Systems Analyst & Developer.

BECTA (British Educational Communications and Technology Agency). <http://www.becta.org.uk/>
(February 2006 - Present). Hired to help BECTA develop its in-house applications and to support the organisations internal systems (specifically its helpdesk). Using VB.NET, C#, SQL, JavaScript, Visual Studio 2003 and Visual Studio 2005

ASP.NET Developer.

Listers Group. <http://www.listersgroup.co.uk/> (August 2004 - February 2004). Hired to help develop Listers Internet presence and the functionality of their Intranet. Using VB.NET, ASP.NET, MS SQL Server 2000/2003, Flash, ActionScript, HTML, JavaScript and CSS. Involved in cutting edge web development with Microsofts latest technologies.

Web Developer

Virgin Mobile, Trowbridge. <http://www.virgin.com/mobile/> (May 2004). A short contract to work on an interactive help section on Virgin mobile's intranet. Mainly HTML and graphics work against a very tight schedule.

Web Developer

Swandale Systems Limited, London. <http://www.swandale.co.uk/> (January 2004- February 2004).

I did a complete redesign for this software company in valid XHTML and CSS without tables. I also adapted an ASP.NET application to track time-sheets and projects.

Web/LAN developer

Forge Ahead Ltd, Hempstead, London. (January 2001 - May 2003) I developed Forge Ahead's On line presence. I designed and developed its web site and online customer interaction. I set up and administered the company's LAN, internal IT developments and its MS SQL database; additional responsibilities:

Design of all brochures and paper advertisement.
Liaised with customers concerning all cocktail preferences.
Designed cocktail menus and trains bar staff.
Organized bar staff schedules and payment.
Backed-up all company data.

Supervisor

Chiquito Bar & Restaurant, Leicester Square, London. <http://www.chiquito.co.uk/> (July 2001- May 2003)
I began working for this busy West End Restaurant after returning to London and whilst setting up Forge Ahead Ltd bar company.

Bar Consultant

Riki Tiki Tavi, Manchester. <http://www.rikititavi.co.uk> (October 2000- July 2001) I was employed to design the bar layout, cocktail menus, staff handbook, training courses and procedures for a new restaurant/bar in Manchester. This involved extensive planning at board level, liaising with the senior management in all areas of the restaurant and training all of the bar staff. My meticulous planning and attention to detail ensured that the launch of the new unit was a resounding success.

Bar Supervisor

Jackson's Wharf, Scottish & Newcastle, Brighton Marina, Brighton. <http://www.scottish-newcastle.com/> (October 2000- November 1999) Another Restaurant & Bar where I did the opening of the unit. I ran and organized the bar under the management. I had four bars and twenty bar staff under me and I was a helpful part in the process of making this unit a great success.

Senior Bartender

Chiquito Bar & Restaurant, Staples Corner, London. (July 1996- August 1998) After Graduating from university I worked for Chiquito's, eventually becoming Senior Bartender, helping to run the bar and oversee the scheduling of a ten man bar team. I won various awards whilst working for the company.

Qualifications:

Bachelor of Arts Honours Degree in Performing Arts
University of Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire, UK. Graduated in 1996 with an upper second degree.
City & Guilds. Visual Basic 6 (level1).
City & Guilds. Visual Basic 6 (level2).
Currently studying for Microsoft Exams.