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Personal statement

Passionate and self-motivated full-stack web developer with a wealth of practical experience across the full development life cycle of commercial web based solutions. I have a Bachelor degree in Foreign Languages, I'm 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.

Quick to assimilate new ideas, concepts and cutting-edge technologies, I know I can gather further knowledge, and I would like to focus more on technical architecture, systems analysis, as well as driving teams and projects forwards, though I've yet to gather experience with people management. After more than 10 years of developing websites, API's, CRM's and anything in between, I am ready for my next challenge that would hopefully take me into technical leadership and management.

Key Skills

- Proficient in server side and front-end development (PHP, MySQL, Laravel, WordPress etc.)
- Comfortable with configuring and maintaining Linux environments (Ubuntu, CentOS)
- Accustomed to modern development practices – planning, tracking, versioning systems
- Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal
- Proficiency in all areas of Microsoft Office

Employment History

Senior Web Application Developer - Apogee Corporation, London

(October 2014 – present)

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.

Among my accomplishments:

- Successfully converted data sets (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 custom APIs 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
- Implemented a development process for the dev team to follow and deliver – we use Jira for project management and issue / bug tracking, coupled with Freshdesk ticketing system, and BitBucket (Git) integration

Freelance Web Developer – PRO OnLine Services (owner), London

(May 2013 – present)

I have decided to open a limited company so I can undertake my own web development projects or share projects with freelance web designers / web developers as they come along so that I can develop my portfolio further. Time permitting, I patiently assist my clients accomplish their goals, and my mind is always open to any suggestions, constructive criticism and feedback.

- <http://marius.cucuruz.ro/>
- <https://bitbucket.org/pros-development/>

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 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 – Cision UK, London

(February 2013 – March 2014)

Cision is a leading media communication technology and analytics company that enables marketers and communicators to effectively manage their earned media programs in coordination with paid and owned channels to drive business impact. I was in charge of several websites and developed plugins and modules for WordPress, Drupal and custom made systems, as well as other social media and analytics related tasks. Most times I was working closely with the marketing and analytics departments to deliver various tools used for both internally as well as on the customer facing websites.

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 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 is presented here:

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

Hobbies & Interests

I love the flavour and aroma of good coffee not only in the morning but throughout the day. Music, artistic expression, elegance and beauty in any sense strike me all the time, and I will enjoy a good film or an immersive audio / visual experience, or a live gig.

Outside of the online / web dev world, I like traveling, driving, socializing and meeting new people and keeping in touch with the world around me.

References

Simon Green – IT Director, Apogee Corporation
Richard Christie – Development Manager, Apogee Corporation
James Barnett – Finance Director, Ignite Hospitality

More references are available upon request.