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Personal Statement

I am a highly motivated **Senior .NET Web Developer with 8 years of experience**, currently working at one of the largest and most successful estate agency providers in the UK.

I have a proven ability to develop, enhance and maintain the company's core public-facing products. I have experience in all stages of the development lifecycle from analysis, design, implementation, and release management. I am a logical thinker with a determined and driven attitude to improve, coupled with the desire for continual learning, to work with the latest technologies, and take on new challenges.

Skills Summary

- C#
- ASP.NET MVC & WebForms
- .NET Core
- Umbraco 8 CMS
- Web API / RESTful web services
- Unit Testing NUnit & Moq
- GIT version control
- HTML5 / CSS3 / Bootstrap
- JavaScript / jQuery
- Agile Methodology (Scrum and Kanban)
- Azure
- SOLID principles / Design Patterns
- Entity Framework / Dapper ORM
- SQL Server / T-SQL
- CI/CD with Azure DevOps / Octopus Deploy

Self Learning

- .NET 6
- Umbraco 9 CMS
- Elastic Search

Certifications

- Umbraco Certified Master

Employment History

Senior Web Developer - Connells Group

Aug 2016 - Present

- Developed a highly customised Umbraco 8 solution to host multiple brands, configured to run in a load-balanced multi-tenant Azure environment.
- Take ownership of the latest project build which involved mentoring developers in the team, architectural decisions, and continual progress meetings with product owners, lead developers & managers to ensure the project was successful.
- Develop and maintain all of the Connells Group public-facing web applications, utilising both Umbraco and custom-built CMS platforms to manage multiple brands across the business. These applications averaged around 5 million page views a month.
- Implemented new processes and applications to improve efficiency in the business, including automating the management of over 1200 high street branches into Google Places and incorporating the Connells Group property feed into Web APIs, saving vast amounts of time for the Developers and Senior Marketing team.

- Configuring automated deployments (CI/CD) for multi-tenanted applications using Azure DevOps and Octopus Deploy to improve efficiency across the team, to allow developers to focus their time on core development.
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Software Developer - Dynamic Business Intelligence

Jun 2013 - Aug 2016

- Designed and developed an element drill-down feature to allow a user to view any hierarchy level of a dataset, with the added capability to view the data by multiple metrics.
- Created a feature to manage calculations for the products' core engine incorporating jQuery UI, providing a simple and effective interface to manage a complex series of rules.
- Created a JavaScript callback function to poll the server for query results, allowing for asynchronous loading of reporting data.
- Carried out builds, releases of code, and execution of script changes in a predetermined time slot to the production environment.

Education & Qualifications

First Class (Hons) in BSc Computer Science - University of Bedfordshire

Oct 2010 - Jul 2013

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Harlington Upper School, Bedfordshire

Sep 2000 - Jul 2005

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Soft Skills

- Excellent **communication skills** gained from my current and previous position liaising with different teams and departments, which is vital to achieving the end result.
- **Teamwork** and my ability to integrate into an established group, a trait I have shown in my current position fitting into a tight-knit group.
- **Leadership and organisational** skills were highlighted during the latest project build where I took ownership of the project, ensuring this was delivered within the desired timeframe and to the required specification set out by the stakeholders.
- During my employment with Orton's Audio & Visual, I was nominated and reached the finals of the **Hertfordshire Business Awards for Employee of the Year** showing my strong work ethic and passion to achieve the highest standards.
- Strong **adaptability**, shown throughout my software development career where learning a new skill/technology and adapting in order to achieve a solution is a must.