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TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages & Frameworks: JavaScript | TypeScript | Python | React | Next.js | Node.js | Express.js | Tailwind CSS

Tools & Infrastructure: PostgreSQL | Supabase | Drizzle ORM | Git | GitHub | Docker | REST APIs | OAuth 2.0 | CI/CD

EDUCATION

University of Essex

Expected Graduation 2028

BSc Computer Science

- Predicted: First Class Honours (80% average)
- Relevant Modules: Data Structures & Algorithms, Object-Oriented Programming, Software Engineering, Database Systems, Computer Networks, Computer Security

Havant and South Downs College | A Levels: Computer Science, Mathematics, Further Maths

Sept 2023 - Jul 2025

PROJECTS

InvoiceFlow API – Freelance Billing Service | Node.js, Express, PostgreSQL, Drizzle ORM, OAuth 2.0, Docker

- Designed and built a RESTful API with 15+ endpoints for invoice generation, client management, PDF export, and automated VAT calculation
- Implemented OAuth 2.0 authentication, Zod input validation, and rate limiting to secure all endpoints
- Built CI/CD pipeline with GitHub Actions running automated tests on every push, and use of using Docker and Docker Compose to manage consistent multi-service environments

Gaffy Studios – Creative Studio Website | React, Next.js 15, TypeScript, Tailwind CSS v4

- Built a custom portfolio and e-commerce platform with design system ensuring consistency across 10+ pages
- Integrated Lemon Squeezy API for digital product sales with dynamic listing and checkout flow
- Achieved 95+ Lighthouse score through image optimisation, lazy loading, and Next.js static generation

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Fronttoback Development – Portsmouth, UK | **Web Developer & Creative Director** | Dec 2022 – Present

- Built and deployed **25+ responsive websites** using JavaScript, HTML, CSS, Wordpress and modern web tools
- Implemented e-commerce and SEO features (WooCommerce, Yoast) to improve user engagement and managed deployments and hosting environments, contributing to 3.2x lead growth and 98% client retention
- Collaborated with the team using Slack and Trello to deliver client projects and directed social media content strategy and creative production, scaling Instagram to 13K+ and TikTok to 70K+ followers, with 10M+ views and high audience engagement

SHOTBYGAFAR – Portsmouth, UK | **Founder & Creative Director** | Aug 2024 – Present

- Provided professional photography and videography services for brands, events, and businesses, serving 25+ clients and generating five-figure revenue and ensuring high-quality outputs tailored for marketing and social media.
- Managed end-to-end client workflow from briefs to delivery, handling scheduling, contracts, and revisions across concurrent projects.

McDonald's – Portsmouth, UK | **Crew Trainer (Part Time)** | Jul 2023 – Present

Amazon – Havant, UK | **Warehouse Assistant (Seasonal)** | Oct 2024 – Jan 2025, Oct 2025 – Jan 2026

CERTIFICATIONS

- CS50x: Introduction to Computer Science – HarvardX (edX)
- AWS Cloud Practitioner Essentials – AWS (edX) & AWS Educate Introduction to Generative AI
- Python Pro Bootcamp and Full-Stack Web Development Bootcamp by Dr Angela Yu
- CodeSignal coding assessment score: 500 / 600, demonstrating strong problem-solving and data structures knowledge