

CURRICULUM VITAE

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(This website is responsive and is built using HTML5 and CSS3)

Profile

As of June 2023, I am now predominantly an email developer. I do have experience as a front-end developer but as I don't have any experience in JavaScript libraries, email developing is the field I am currently working in. I also have found that a marketing environment suits me very well.

I am a very well organised and adaptable used to liaising with clients with varying levels of technical knowledge. I enjoy meeting and dealing with people as much as I enjoy the designing and developing. I relish change and the opportunity to learn new technologies.

Employment History

SAGA PLC

August 2023 – present

Saga plc (Saga) is a provider of insurance, travel, personal finance and healthcare products and services for customers aged 50 and over in the UK. It also operates and delivers package tours and cruise holiday products. Furthermore, the company offers domiciliary care services, and a monthly subscription magazine. Saga is headquartered in Folkestone, Kent, the UK.

I am working for Saga as an email developer in their SAGA Exceptional division. I build HTML newsletters in a fast-paced environment producing and sending at least 4 emails per week. This involves updating templates and building new ones as and when required. I also prepare an optimise images for the process. The technology I am using is HTML, CSS and some JavaScript. I also use photoshop, Figma and Adobe Campaign. I am working remotely in this position.

University of Hertfordshire

May 2022 – June 2022

The University of Hertfordshire is working with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Hertfordshire, and Hertfordshire County Council, to improve safety in the local area for students and the wider community.

This was a short contract to fill in between someone leaving and them finding a new permanent member of staff. During my stay and updated and maintained the University website which ran on a CMS called Squizz Matrix. Here I used, HTML 5, CSS3, jQuery, JavaScript and a graphics package called Figma

Bonhill PLC

August 2021 - November 2021

Bonhill Group Plc is a leading global media company, delivering cutting-edge analysis, insight, networking and data for financial services and business solutions communities. We offer forward-thinking products and provide high-quality information that leads to better, and informed, decisions.

During my short stint with Bonhill I worked as a front-end WordPress developer using CSS, SASS, HTML JavaScript, PHP and all the WordPress associated software such as MAMP, GIT, GITHUB,

Intraweb Solutions Ltd (Owned by myself)

September 2003 - August 2021

Having been made redundant by First National Bank, I set up a limited company and have been trading for over seven years. The majority of the work I undertake is contractual although I do have a number of other small clients.

I am passionate about table-less web design and development and have a special interest in building user friendly and accessible websites. I mainly code to WAI AA standards but have the knowledge to code to WAI AAA

The contracts I have had since the company started are as follows:

Three UK - Support centre co-ordinator / developer

March 2019 – December 2019

In March 2019 I started a three month contract initially to do a combination of content management and front end development. Using a CMS system called Kana

My contract was extended after three months as my manager left the company and I took over temporary management of the department. This included web design and development, server management, executing SQL queries, and general management of the department including managing job boards, raising CRQ's and attending production meetings.

Most of the development was creating new and updating existing Kana templates using a mixture of Kana's own templating language, HTML 5, CSS3, jQuery and JavaScript. The servers were running Microsoft server 2008. Other software used was Microsoft Teams, BMC remedy IT change software. Photoshop, Jira, Trello, Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Word.

The main support website I worked on was an internal site used only by three support staff but I also made small amendments to their main customer facing site.

<http://www.three.co.uk/>

Agents Mutual – Front end developer**April 2016 – April 2018**

I was brought in by Agents Mutual to help maintain their property website

<https://www.onthemarket.com/>..

Launched in January 2015, OnTheMarket.com is the simple way to search for property. We aim to provide all potential buyers, sellers, landlords and tenants with an exceptional property search service.

The technology is state-of- the-art and our website will seamlessly adapt to fit all screen sizes. We hope, when you search OnTheMarket.com, you'll enjoy our cleaner, fresher, more focused approach; just hundreds of thousands of beautifully presented homes for sale or for rent at all price points across the UK.

Whilst I have been here I have added some functionality to the site, was engaged in bug fixing and building the property alerts. (HTML email campaigns).

Both the emails and website are fully responsive.

The technologies I used were jQuery, CSS3 (SASS), Moustache templating and HTML 5. I also used, GIT (command line), Jenkins, GIT hub, Teamcity, Stash, AWS, illustrator and Photoshop.

Big White Wall – Front End Developer**May 2014 – April 2016**

A safe online community of people who are anxious, down or not coping who support and help each other by sharing what's troubling them, guided by trained professionals.

Available 24/7, Big White Wall is completely anonymous so you can express yourself freely and openly. Professionally trained Wall Guides ensure the safety and anonymity of all members.

In summary; Big White Wall is a social media site for people with depression and other mental health issues. The biggest backer in the UK is the NHS.

I worked here from the summer of 2014 to April 2016. Initially I was brought in to help build the new home page but was kept on for the general maintenance, email builds, upkeep and modernisation of the site.

Big White Wall hosts its site on an IIS/.net/MVC platform. Whilst working on the site I have used HTML (HTML 5 and XHTML) CSS (2 and 3) JavaScript, jQuery, Bootstrap, Foundation, Sass, GIT, SVN, Visual Studio, and Photoshop. The sign up procedure has been modernised and is responsive and built in bootstrap.

TwoFour Digital Agency – Front End Developer**July 2013 – March 2014**

The TwoFour digital agency have a web based division inside GlaxoSmithKline in Stevenage. This is where I was based working on all of the internal sites for GSK.

My role was to build small and large sites for various departmental use. They work on an IIS platform and use SharePoint 2010 as their CMS. I made prototypes using HTML, CSS (using LESS), JavaScript and JQuery. I then built the SharePoint templates and populated the content using various SharePoint tools and processes. These included lists and webparts. In order to populate the lists I used SP services. I worked from designs passed down from designers; this often meant liaising with the designers to make small changes and improvements to fit the spec.

I also edited and amended existing sites within the network and produced HTML emails.

Quite often I liaised with the client (The GSK department managers) to facilitate the smooth running of the project

Unfortunately as these sites are internal and GSK have a strict security policy I have no examples to show although references can be obtained.

Nitrogen Medical Agency – Front End Developer**May 2013 – June 2013**

I successfully completed a short contract for Nitrogen Medical Agency working on a small project producing a portal for use in doctor's surgeries. During this short stint I used HTML 5, CSS3 and jQuery.

<http://www.huntsworthhealth.com/site/default.aspx>

Towergate Insurance – Front End Developer**September 2012 – March 2013**

In September 2012 I went back to Towergate for my third stint to help out during a busy time

Europe's largest independently owned insurance intermediary turning over more than £2 billion of gross written premium across our companies.

I worked within the web team and am responsible for putting existing prototypes into a content management system called Immediacy. This involves troubleshooting and re-writing code where necessary in order to make the site 'Immediacy' friendly. The technologies I use for this are Immediacy tools, CSS, XHTML, JavaScript, IIS and Photoshop.

I also assisted the team building the new responsive Towergate website by entering content and resizing images using their newly installed Umbraco CMS.

I also carried out BAU work within the department which included, general updates, building landing pages and creating HTML emails.

<http://www.towergateinsurance.co.uk>

The British Safety Council – E-learning developer**April 2012 – July 2012**

The British Safety Council is a global health, safety and environmental charity. They work with businesses to improve their health, safety and environmental management.

I worked with the main Designer and Animator to help produce two E-learning courses. These are stand-alone web based applications that companies pay for and access through a secure server. This involved a mixture of design, HTML and JavaScript animation. After we had delivered these I was asked to stay on for an extra month to re-brand some of their existing courses. The technologies I used for this are CSS, XHTML, HTML 4, JavaScript, Illustrator and Photoshop.

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Lloyds Bank plc – Content Editor**May 2011 – December 2011**

Lloyds bank one of the largest banking networks in the UK are in the process of re-designing, developing and rebuilding three of their Internet Banking sites. These are Lloyds, Halifax and Bank of Scotland. I was brought in for a 6 month contract to liase with the development team mostly in India to build the front end marketing areas. This was mainly content uploading and design. The CMS I worked with on this project was TeamSite made by Interwoven. I also used a small amount of XHTML and CCS

Towergate Insurance – Front End Developer**March 2010 – March 2011**

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I was also in charge of a migration project, migrating of 30 sites from Immediacy 6.0 to 6.2.

Some examples are:

<https://www.yourinsurance.co.uk/>

<http://www.towergatemiltonkeynes.co.uk/>

<http://www.britishinsurance.com>

EMA (European Medicines Agency) – Content editor**September 2009 – Feb 2010**

The EMA is a European agency based in London Its main responsibility is the protection and promotion of public and animal health, through the evaluation and supervision of medicines for human and veterinary use.

I worked on the redesign of their website and document repository as part of the migration team. My main role was in the organisation, uploading and migration of existing and new content into the new web framework using the EMC Documentum content Management system. I also used a small amount of XHTML and CSS.

http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/index.jsp?curl=/pages/home/Home_Page.jsp&jsenabled=true

Incisive Media - Web Producer**November 2008 - September 2009**

Incisive media are a large publishing company producing magazines such as Risk, Post and the British Photographic Journal. I worked for them from August 2006 until January 2008 (see below). They asked me back at the beginning of December 2008 and I am due to finish there very shortly as a large project is coming to an end.

I have been working on various websites, updating content 2 bespoke CMS systems, building and updating html emails as well as producing web based creative such as banners and skyscrapers.

A large part of the job consisted of producing animated banners, using Flash and sometimes animated gifs.

I have also been involved in updating some of their events websites using Hippo CMS

The technologies and software involved in this are XHTML, CSS, JavaScript, Photoshop, Illustrator, Flash, Fireworks and a small amount of PHP. (cont..)

Some of Incisive Media's websites are below

<http://www.postonline.co.uk/>

<http://www.ifaonline.co.uk/>

<http://www.bjp-online.com/>

<http://www.energyrisk.com/>

Polemark Ltd – Front End Developer**August 2008 – September 2008**

Polemark are a small to medium sized web agency based in central London. I started contracting with Polemark at the end of August 2008 and am currently still there.

I have been working for them as a front-end developer working on various client sites including Towergate insurance and the Prince's Trust. I am currently building Polemark's new website.

I have been concentrating on building the sites in XHTML and CSS with a small amount of JavaScript and Flash. I also assisted the integration of these sites into a CMS called Immediacy.

All the sites I have been involved in at Polemark validate to XHTML 1.0 strict and to WC3 AA standards

Sites I worked on at Polemark are:

<http://www.polemark.com/>

<http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/>

<http://www.towergateholidayhomes.co.uk/>

NHS Choices – Front End developer**March 2008 - May 2008**

NHS Choices is a large informative website run by a company called **Dr Foster** for the NHS. I worked for them at the Department of Health from February 2008 to April 2008. I worked on stage 4 of their development process. Most of the work I carried out was to ensure the site reached WA IAA accessibility standards. I also carried out a large amount of bug fixing and created various pages including the site map and a series of 'Easy Read' pages.

The site was written in .net and the majority of the front-end development required the use of Visual Studio. I also had to liaise with the back end developers in order to produce quality results.

Incisive Media - Web Producer**March 2006 - Feb 2008**

Incisive media are a large publishing company producing magazines such as Risk, Post and the British Photographic Journal. I worked for them from August 2006 until January 2008. I produced and updated websites that promote up and coming conferences. This involved setting up the website, making changes and amendments, creating HTML newsletters and producing web banners. In addition to this I built a number of templates that have been incorporated into their CMS system.

The technologies and software involved in this are xhtml, CSS, JavaScript, Photoshop, Flash, Fireworks and a small amount of PHP. I have been involved with many of the websites listed in the events calendar.

http://www.incisive-events.com/public/showPage.html?page=im_events_listings

Ashridge Business College – E-learning developer**November 2005 – Feb 2006**

My first contract for Ashridge was between November 2004 and March 2005. I was employed to assist in an e-learning project. The learning modules had been created in Flash the previous year and my task was to amend and update them. In addition to this I maintained the e-learning website, created the students learning pack and liaised with the tutors to obtain fresh content.

In November 2005 I was re-employed by them but this time in a more managerial role although a small amount of development was still required. I finished this role in May 2006 and the client was extremely pleased with the result.

I was also involved in adding content to the newly launched Ashridge website.

<http://www.ashridge.org.uk/>

The technologies I used during my contract with Ashridge were HTML, Flash, Quark Express, PhotoShop, JavaScript, Nero Wave editor and Macromedia Breeze. These were all used in a lotus notes environment.

EdExcel – Web Designer**September 2005 – November 2005**

I worked for EdExcel from July 2005 until November 2005 and was the main designer working on the National Curriculum website. Every school in the UK has access to this site and it enables them to order test material on-line. The address is <https://nctest.naa.org.uk/>. Most of the site is password protected although there is public access to a few pages.

When the NAA site was finished I was asked to provide initial designs for an in-house application. These designs were submitted and used in the final site

The technologies I used during my contract with EdExcel were HTML, JavaScript, Dreamweaver and Photoshop

OneSixSigma Ltd Web developer**September 2003 – June 2004**

From September 2003 to June 2004 I was working as a contractor for Six Sigma Information Portal. www.onesixsigma.com. I was the main Webmaster for this project taking care of design and functionality. PHP and CGI were used for these purposes, with JavaScript used for form validation. A large part of this project was to improve the company's search engine positions using optimisation techniques. I carried out all the design aspects of the project using Photoshop, manipulating images where necessary.

This site is now being produced using a content management system.

I have been producing sites for a number of other people in addition to this. I am the main Webmaster for <http://www.happy-life.co.uk/> responsible for general updates and maintenance.

Jamie White is a singer/songwriter and I produced his website <http://www.jamiewhite.info/>. Jamie updates the site himself using Macromedia Contribute.

First National Bank – Intranet Developer

July 1990 – August 2003

First National is one of the leading Finance Houses in the UK. Having previously been owned by Abbey National they are now owned by General Electric Consumer Finance. I have held many positions within the company, these are listed below.

Intranet Developer/Designer**September 1999 – August 2003**

I was a member of a 5-person team dealing with all aspects of the day to day running of the Intranet. This covered many aspects from designing the layout to building applications and presenting Flash animations.

We were rarely presented with a written brief and a lot of contact with our customers; normally members of staff from other departments, ensured projects were carried out as efficiently as possible.

As well as creating many static sites, I have used ASP to create everything from small on-line forms to database driven applications. I was also the only team member to use Flash, adding animation to many of our pages. I was also a key member of the team that undertook the project to redesign the Intranet. This was a large project that took many months and was completed in September 2002.

New Business Help Desk Op**March 1996 – Sept 1999**

Offering first and second line software support to our sales admin staff for a custom built AS400 system.

Telesales Admin Manager**Sept 1993 – March 1996**

I employed a computer based admin system for the telesales team, to replace their paper system. They are still using this today.

New Business Underwriter**July 1990 – Sept 1993**

During my time as an underwriter I helped implement a diary computer system to help efficiency. This started my love of technology.

Harrow Finance - Underwriter**June 1987 – July 1990****Drydens Printers - Production Assistant****Jan 1987 - June 1987****Greenford Printers - Estimator****June 1984 – Jan 1987**

Training

Photoshop - March 2001
Active Server Pages - January 2001
Dreamweaver 3 - January 2001
Flash 4 - September 2000

Technical Skills

Web Development:	XHTML, JavaScript, CSS PHP - Basic/Intermediate level)
Web Design:	Flash, Photoshop
Databases:	MySQL (Basic Level), MS Access
Web Editors:	Homesite, Textpad Dreamweaver, FrontPage
Others:	MS Excel, MS Word, MS Powerpoint, Visio, Lotus Notes, Quark Express, Nero sound editor, Macromedia Breeze, TopStyle

Education

City and Guilds in HTML
City and Guilds in Social and Documentary Photography
City and Guilds in Portrait Photography
Ordinary National Diploma in Printing
7 CSE's grade 1- 4

Interests

I am a keen photographer, play Bass Guitar and enjoy music of all kinds. Art and literature are also great passions of mine.

Sport is also a passion and I love watching motor racing and tennis. I play badminton, cycle and swim.