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### Personal Profile

I am a good communicator, enthusiastic, enjoy a challenge and want to learn. I have been developing for the Internet for 8 years and in this time I have built up a wide skill base. I am confident in developing clean and efficient XHTML and CSS to high standards and working with modern graphic design packages. I am also comfortable with setting up and administrating LAMP servers as well as managing web applications.

### Web Development Work Experience

#### **Skinofstars.com**

My personal website, blog and general information hub. The site is backed by Wordpress and is currently using a modified theme. Some design modifications included jQuery manipulations, fixing for XHTML valid compliance and particular care taken for font selection.

#### **Branch Immersion - [skinofstars.com/branch\\_immersion](http://skinofstars.com/branch_immersion)**

A recently completed piece of coursework, this shows some of my XHTML/CSS and graphic design abilities to create works from scratch. I began with a design I created in an art package before converting to code. The site adheres to Strict XHTML 1.0 and CSS 2.0 with progressive enhancements using some light Javascript. The site was extensively tested on various operating systems as well as all the current major browsers available to those systems.

#### **Boxfire.co.uk**

My dissertation project. My design brief was to make a user generated voting news web application for Oxford. The aim was to make a viable and working system rather than an attractive one, so the XHTML/CSS is a simple template structure I created. The application is written in the Ruby programming language using the Rails framework.

#### **Broga Racing - Expected launch, June 2009. [brogaracing.co.uk/site](http://brogaracing.co.uk/site)**

A work in process, this site is for a car modification company and is my first paid web build. Within this project I have created a design based on a combination of photos they have sent me and the image they are trying to portray as a company. I have then re-implemented the design in code. The backend uses Wordpress to enable the client to administer the site with a simple web interface.

#### **oonagi.co.uk**

Although quite an old project now, this was my most extensive work in website management. Though not so heavily designed, the site is an integration of various web systems including content management, forum and wiki software. Various modifications were needed in order to make these different systems work together cohesively for the users.

## Other Work Experience

### **November 2005 - March 2008 Bar Staff**

As part of the process of changing careers I decided find part time work local bars, allowing me to focus on studies. The locations of work changed as I moved but they include local pubs and bars as well as the Student Union's bar. My roles have included shift management, training other staff and small and large scale events organising.

### **June 2005 - November 2005 Café Manager**

I was offered the opportunity to run a new fund raising venture café for a local charity. I arranged what goods were to be sold, designed staff and business procedures, hired staff, arranged rotas, dealt with banking and set up an accounts system. The café was soon breaking even and heading well into profitable with a good regular customer base. I believe this to be because of my demand for high standards of customer service and encouraging the staff to communicate and develop their own ideas.

### **June 2003 - June 2005 Homeless Intervention Worker**

Before I ran the café I was a project worker for a homelessness charity. I was part of a team running Emergency Night Shelters and Supported Housing projects. Tasks included booking in clients, carrying out risk and needs assessments, referring to the appropriate services and liaising with the police as well as other statutory services. The job also includes having to resolve potentially volatile situations and so clear communication skills were essential.

## Formal Education and Training

### **Undergraduate: Oxford Brookes University 2006 - 2009**

BSc Multimedia Systems and Communication, Media & Culture - *First Class Honours*

Skills gained include:

- Programming to strict design briefs.
- Problem solving.
- Rigorous testing procedures.
- Understanding of design and technology's impact in communication.
- Methods for improving the productivity of team communication.
- The impact of good communication in effectively transmitting your message.

### **Higher Education: Canterbury College 2005 - 2006**

Access course covering Psychology, Sociology and Politics.

### **Secondary Education: Chatham House Grammar 1991 to 1996**

#### **Key GCSE Subjects and their relative grade**

English Language	C
Mathematics	C
Dual Award Science	CC

#### **Additional**

UK Drivers Licence without endorsements, held since 1998.

## Interests

I started to learn the bass guitar and six string at the age of fourteen. I was often coordinating practices, promotions and gigs. I also spent a great deal of time in promoting the music community as a whole. On moving to Oxford I expanded my community involvement by organising regular campus events for the Students Union. I eventually became the campus president.

As well as music I also enjoy juggling, mainly because of the pleasure in learning the skills involved and the mental focus required to attain a good standard.