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**Profile:**

I’m currently employed as a front-end developer using JavaScript technologies, after working in financial services for several years. My decision to change career direction was driven from past involvements in the development process as both a subject matter expert and business analyst. Since then, I successfully transitioned into a role as a developer after completing the tech accelerator course DevelopMe. I continuously look to improve my skillset using various technologies in my spare time and have built a number of projects available to view on my portfolio.

**Web Technologies:** HTML5, CSS, JavaScript, React, Next JS, Tailwind, Redux,

**Tooling / Skills:** Git, NPM, Restful API’s, Chrome Developer Tools, VS Code, Agile, Figma

**What I’m Learning:** TypeScript,Node JS, MongoDB

**Employment:**

**Open Space Network –** Junior Front End Developer – January 2021 – Present

Open Space Network are a startup partnered with Cardiff University building out local co-working centers. Working directly with the CTO of OSN as a front-end developer helping to build their website and a progressive web application.

* Used React to build a suite of UI components demonstrated on Storybook.
* Components are built using React Hooks.
* A focus on writing utility first CSS using the Tailwind CSS framework.
* Experience with using Next JS for the OSN website.
* Currently involved with transitioning the app components into using TypeScript.
* Use of Git version control, branches and pull requests.
* Some exposure to the apps back-end structure written in Node JS.

**Wealth at Work -** Pension Paraplanner – April 2020 – August – 2020

Hired to work as a paraplanner for the financial advice team. Covid-19 meant that I was furloughed immediately and unable to start the position. The increasingly difficult economic climate at the time meant the company were no longer in position for me to start the role.

**Hargreaves Lansdown -** Nov 2013 – March – 2020 (Multiple roles held)

Business Analyst - Oct 2019 – March – 2020

Worked within HL’s Active Savings division – a cash savings service which allows clients to secure market leading interest rates. Working with different stakeholders including Operations, Software Developers and Product owners to develop the existing service and integrate technology.

* Used Jira and Confluence to write up documentation and workflow items
* Worked as part of a scrum team using Agile ways of working
* Wrote user stories for developers based on what was discussed in refinement sessions
* Helped deliver a new feature for clients which enabled money to be swept into an easy access saver account automatically.

Pension Transfer Analyst / Team Leader – Jan 2016 – Sept – 2019

Compiled analysis reports on client’s pensions and other financial products for a team of financial advisers who used these reports to help base their recommendations and form part of their financial planning report.

* Promoted to team leader in March 2018 and led a team of six analysts.
* Identified statistics were not being kept in any detail for the department. I created and implemented a statistics dashboard which displayed KPI’s for the department which was then distributed to a monthly manager meeting.
* Worked as a subject matter expert as part of a project team to develop a front and back-end workflow system for the Pension Transfer Analyst Team and Financial Advisers.

Investment Helpdesk Consultant / Senior - Nov 2013 – Dec – 2015

First point of contact for clients of Hargreaves Lansdown, answering queries from clients by phone, email, and face to face. Dealt with a broad range of enquiries on the main investment products and services offered by Hargreaves Lansdown in a clear and concise manner.

* Promoted to senior in April 2015 which meant I was responsible for monitoring other colleague’s work
* Main point of contact for overseeing client queries for the acquisition of an existing client base at J.P Morgan and the introduction of Portfolio+ a ready-made portfolio service.
* Worked through periods of increased business levels including several initial public offerings.

**Education:**

**Develop Me - Full Stack Software Development Course -** Sept 2020 - Dec 2020

Intensive project-driven 12-week software development on the web-stack course, taught by industry professionals using best practice approaches.

**Diploma in Regulated Financial Planning – CII DIPFS -** Feb 2017 - Jan 2019

A qualification required for financial planning which is regulated by the Chartered Institute of Insurance, the qualification consists of passing six examinations.

**University West of England – Real Estate Management: MSc -** Sept 2012 - May 2014

For my masters I studied areas including real estate economics and valuation, managerial finance for the built environment, real estate investment and development.

**University of Plymouth – Business Economics: BSc 2:1 (Hons) -** Sep 2009 - May 2012

During my degree I studied areas such as macro-economics, micro-economics and environmental economics. As a part of my degree, I wrote a dissertation on the effects of economic variety on growth and development in Bristol and Plymouth, where I achieved a first (1st).