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PROFILE

An experienced Programmer and Web Developer with a demonstrated history of working in the IT and Publishing industries. Skilled in Web API and Website Development, Project Management, Digital Strategy, Customer support, SEO and Advertising. A Strong business development professional with a Master of Science - MSc focused in Business Information Systems Management from Middlesex University London.

SKILLS & EXPERTISE

Languages and Technologies	PHP, HTML5, CSS 3, Node JS, JavaScript, jQuery, Vue JS, Angular, MySQL, JSON, XML, Laravel, Wordpress, Drupal, Joomla, Magento, EZ Publish
Software	Windows, Mac OS, Linux, Visual Studio, Xcode, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe InDesign, Git, BitBucket, Docker, Vagrant, Windows, Mac OS, Visual Studio Code, Figma, Hubspot
Miscellaneous	AWS, Azure, Smart Vista IP, Object-Oriented Programming, Agile, MVC

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Developer   **January 2021 – November 2022**
Vibho Technologies, Johannesburg, South Africa
Senior Developer at a Web and Software development company. Duties included:
- Creating and updating internal and client apps, information systems and payment systems.
- Modernising and improving client payment systems whilst introducing new payment merchants.
- Writing specification documentation for planned and existing applications to share knowledge.
- Improvements in performance, testing, and automation of internal systems, apps, and tasks.

Senior Developer   **April 2019 – August 2020**
LocumBase (Pty) Ltd, Cape Town, South Africa
Senior Developer at an online platform that enables simple and easy booking and management of medical locums for short-term appointments. Duties included:
- Creating and updating the features of the company's existing website and booking systems.
- Furthering development of the company's back-end systems.
- Writing documentation of developed software, including technical specifications.
- Performance improvements, testing and automation of internal systems, applications and tasks.

PHP Web Developer   **June 2017 – May 2018**
Pargopoints (Pty) Ltd, Cape Town, South Africa
PHP developer at a logistics company that handles the distribution and delivery of company and consumer parcels/packages. Duties included:
- Developing and integrating modules and plugins for popular e-commerce platforms.
- Collaborating with management and sales staff to create efficient integration solutions.
- Creating and updating the features of the company's existing websites, modules and plugins.
- Leading system integrations with partners and online merchants.
- Furthering development of the company's back-end systems.
- Writing documentation of developed software, including technical specifications.

Senior Web Developer   **October 2010 – August 2015**
Panorama Media Corp, Johannesburg, South Africa
Senior Web developer at a publisher of consumer titles, specialist publications and customer magazines. Creating various websites to sell in-house and external client products/services. Duties included:

- Using various content management platforms as well as a custom in-house CMS.
- Leading a team of Web developers, training them and other staff members where necessary.
- Performing SEO, copy-editing, maintaining a portfolio of websites and managing online advertising.
- Providing customer support to clients, especially with the e-commerce based websites and plugins.
- Liaising with internal and external stakeholders to ensure quality service delivery.

EDUCATION

MSc Master of Science Degree in Business and Information Systems Management.   2017
Middlesex University, London, United Kingdom
Focused on in-depth understanding of Information systems and the technical skills needed to improve information systems to benefit an organisation. In addition, students were taught skills for analysing, designing, developing and building web-based applications. **Completed with distinction.**
Main Modules Studied:

- IS Strategy and Management
- Knowledge Management Strategies
- Regulation of E-Commerce and IT
- Information Systems Quality Management

BIS (Hons) Bachelor Honours Degree in Information Science.   2011
University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa
Focused on the use of information technology and the processing of information products. In addition, students were trained in the management, retrieval and organisation of information, as well as taught how to add value to, package and distribute information. **Completed with merit.**
Main Modules Studied:

- Computer Science
- Calculus
- Marketing
- Design and Production
- Visual Communication
- Informatics
- Programming in C and C#
- Advanced Copy-editing
- Information Science
- Entrepreneurship

Senior Certificate (Matric Certificate).   2004
Abbots College, Cape Town, South Africa
Matriculated and Obtained Senior Certificate with Merit
Subjects Completed:

- Physical Science
- Economics
- Business Economics
- Mathematics (Best Student Award)
- English Language
- Physiology

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

PRINCE2® Foundation & Practitioner Certificates in Project Management   2017
Certificate number 5920222.20629298 / Candidate Number 5920222

REFERENCES

References are available upon request.