

James Thomson - Curriculum Vitae

PERSONAL DETAILS

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PERSONAL PROFILE

Efficient, reliable, trustworthy and ambitious web developer with proven project and resource management skills in a senior developer capacity. Five years commercial development experience working on projects for clients of all sizes. Excellent business and commercial awareness and always up for new challenges. Adopts a client facing, solution oriented approach with a keen eye for detail.

SKILLS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Technical Skills (see also portfolio link at end of document)

- Advanced Web Development using PHP 4/5 and MySQL including System Design and Architecture
- Thorough working knowledge of XHTML/CSS and Javascript
- Extensive Experience using CMS products and also templating systems, both proprietary and open source
- Knowledge of Accessibility and Usability Practices and also Search Engine Optimisation and Marketing (Organic)
- Experience programming “Web 2.0” applications using Javascript/AJAX to give a rich user interface experience
- Knowledge of advanced Apache 2 Server configuration and optimisation for performance in high traffic environments

Project Management & Communication Skills

- Extensive experience in managing all phases of large web design projects
- Ability to communicate key aspects of projects to personnel at all levels
- Experience in pitching and demonstrating successfully to a team of non-technical personnel

EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

2001 – 2005

University of Durham

BSc(Hons) Computer Science

- *Blueprint Business Plan Competition* – prize winner for best Social Enterprise Business
- *Placement Year* – worked for a leading local Web Development company as a PHP/MySQL developer
- *Topics Studied* – Software Engineering, Advanced Java and C++ Programming, Networking & System Architecture, Electronic Engineering, Operating Systems, Parallel & Distributed Computing as well as Advanced Algorithms.

1999 – 2001

Durham Johnston Sixth Form

A-Level: Mathematics (B), Physics (B) and Chemistry (C)

Other achievements:

- *ASDAN Universities Award* - For Improving Own Learning and Performance, Communication, Working with Others and Information Technology
- *Gold Crest Physics Award* - Awarded for investigation of an industrial engineering problem (Studying the variation of viscosity with temperature of Chrometan Liquor for Elementis Chromium in Teeside).

1993 – 1999

Durham Johnston Comprehensive School

GCSE: 10 GCSE's A*-C

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

I currently hold a full clean UK driving license.

Hobbies and Interests:

- **Badminton** – I enjoy social play at a local sports centre
- **Tennis** – I am an active member of a local tennis club and have represented the club a number of times in league matches.
- **Fitness** – I am an active member of Bannatynes Health Club in Durham
- **Music** – I play piano/organ and am regularly requested as an accompanist and/or soloist for Weddings and Funerals
- **Football** – I have played as part of a team in an informatl 5-a-side league

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE/EMPLOYMENT

Apr 2007 – Aug 2007

Intelligent Commerce Ltd (Wynyard)

Technical Director

This was a temporary full time post to bring an online barter trade exchange concept to market. I was responsible for the entire production of the generic trade platform and its application in this instance.

Dec 2005 – Mar 2007

Digital Media Consulting Ltd (Darlington)

Senior Web Developer

This was a full time position. During my time with DMC Ltd, I managed and was responsible for the design, production and delivery of sites to some of the regions largest clients. I left in March 2007.

Oct 2003 – Dec 2005

Intermedia Solutions Ltd (Darlington)

Senior Web Developer

Work with Intermedia took up the bulk of my time during my placement year at University and continued until their PPC operations all but ceased in December 2005. I took responsibility for the design, development and deployment of advanced software for managing traffic to large portals for the travel industry under a high load environment.

Aug 1999 – Oct 2002

Grove21 (Durham)

Co-founder & Web Developer

After our GCSE examinations I and 3 friends formed a web development company Grove21 which eventually was closed when everyone went to University and found employment elsewhere. Grove21 was commissioned for some minor projects for local charities and small businesses.

Mar 1996 – Apr 1999

Newsmarket Nevilles Cross

Newspaper/Leaflet Distributor

References are available upon request.

PORTFOLIO OF COMPLETED WORK

Available online at <http://www.jamesthomson.co.uk/Portfolio2007.pdf>