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Work experience

IT Career Switch

October 2022 - Present

Student

In October 2022, I enrolled in a comprehensive full stack software engineering course to enhance my knowledge and expertise in software development. Throughout the program, I have gained proficiency in essential programming languages and technologies such as HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Python, React, jQuery, Mocha, Git, and PHP. Moreover, I successfully passed the final exam, demonstrating my understanding and practical application of these skills.

June 2010-September 2022

Opspace Projects Ltd

Director/ Co - Founder

Throughout the past 12 years at Opspace I have continually been growing the company by scaling the size of projects we have been able to undertake. Originally starting out with 2 employees, it now has 4 full time office based employees and up to 30 contractors at any one time. I was involved in projects from start to finish, from surveying and estimation through to project management, procurement and customer relations.

May 2003-June 2010

Self employed

Shopfitter

- NVQ level 2 - Steel framing installation
 - NVQ level 2 - Metal frame ceiling installation
 - As a self employed shop fitter I worked on a wide range of projects as part of a small team fitting out various different commercial spaces within strict timescales and rigid specifications.
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September 1998-May 2003

City Electrical Factors

Stores Manager

- NVQ level 3 - Warehouse management
- NVQ level 2 - Customer service

I started this employment as a warehouse assistant, after two years I was promoted to stores manager. I was responsible for the procurement of all stock within the warehouse and trade counters. I was also accountable for the management of warehouse operatives and all logistics, ensuring that all customer orders were fulfilled on time. I was also responsible for all administration, meeting the requirements for ISO9001.

August 1997-September 1998

Redmonds Autos

Garage assistant

In my first placement after finishing school, I worked in an auto repairs garage. I had various daily tasks within this role including; answering calls, booking in repairs and services, ordering parts and assisting the mechanics when required.

Education

Sept 1992-June 1997

Sir Bernard Lovell School - Oldland Common, Bristol

GCSE – English (Language & Literature), Science (Biology, Chemistry, physics), Maths, Art, French, Humanities

Skills

- Good communication skills
 - Ability to prioritise under pressure
 - Drive and determination
 - Willingness to learn
 - Attention to detail
 - Using initiative and problem solving
 - Resilience
 - Problem solving
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Hobbies and interests

Walking and paddle boarding; running (when the weather allows) and playing golf at different courses around the southwest, are all things I enjoy in my spare time. I also like to spend time practicing and studying all aspects of software development.
