**CURRICULUM VITAE**

I am an enthusiastic and creative MA Indie Game Development graduate with a strong passion for game design and software development. A hardworking and positive individual, I excel both as a team player and when working independently. My background in graphic design, game development, and programming allows me to approach projects with both technical expertise and artistic creativity.

Beyond coding, I have experience with industry-standard software, which enhances my ability to bridge the gap between design and development. I have excellent communication and organisational skills, I am eager to bring my creativity, problem-solving ability, and technical knowledge to a dynamic game development or software engineering team.

**PERSONAL DETAILS**

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**RESIDES**: Moretonhampstead

**TRANSPORT**: Full UK driving licence and vehicle

**LANGUAGES:** English

**RIGHT TO WORK**: British Citizen

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**CODING TRAINEESHIP IT Career Switch Ltd**

 Coding Traineeship – Full Stack Developer

 1-year program

 During the traineeship, I had to demonstrate a very competent level of the following programming languages and technical skills:

* HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript
* PHP, SQL, MySQL, React, jQuery
* Python, Node.js, Bootstrap, JSON
* Command line Git, GitHub
* Remote API access, Apache Web Server.

**ADDITIONAL TECHNOLOGIES**:

* Wordpress, Adobe (Illustrator, InDesign, Photoshop, Animate), Autodesk’s Maya, and 3dsMax, Unreal Engine, Blender, jQuery, and Mocha.

**DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE**:

Below are the two briefs of development projects I completed with IT Career Switch which can be found in my bio: [debbiekimnorton.co.uk](https://debbiekimnorton.co.uk)

**Portfolio Project #1: “Gazetteer”**

Develop a map-based application in HTML, CSS, JavaScript (jQuery) and Bootstrap presenting geographical and demographic data from JSON returned by PHP modules that query third-party APIs such as GeoNames and OpenWeather.

**Portfolio Project #2: “Company Directory”**

Full project cycle: Formal proposal followed by the development of a company personnel database application using Bootstrap, JavaScript (jQuery), PHP and MySQL. Sign off obtained after demonstrating that all of the required functionality was present and working as intended through the preparation of a formal test script.

**CAREER HISTORY:**

**Sept 2017 – Feb 2019 Bradfords Building Supplies**

**POSITION HELD: Admin Assistant**

* **Stock Control** : Managed stock booking, transfers, and deliveries using Bustrac.
* **Financial Administration** : Handled payroll, petty cash, banking, and branch cash management.

**Aug 2016 – May 2017 House of Marbles**

**POSITION HELD: General Assistant**

* **Cash Handling** : Processed payments and managed end-of-day cashing up.
* **Customer Service** : Assisted visitors, handled phone queries, and coordinated tourist coach arrivals.
* **Museum Curation:** Maintained museums displays and layout, for pottery, glass, and marble.
* **Stock Display**: Maintained and arranged retail displays.

**Jun 2016 – Aug 2016 Wilton Bradley**

**POSITION HELD:** **Customer Service Advisor**

* **Customer Support** : Provided technical assistance and product guidance for high-value leisure items.
* **Technical Communication** : Explained product functionality and troubleshooting steps to customers.

**Jan 2016 – Mar 2016 Mercedes Benz - Exeter**

**POSITION HELD: Customer Service Advisor**

* **Customer Service** : Managed inbound and outbound queries, ensuring high-quality support.
* **Appointment Scheduling** : Coordinated vehicle service and MOT bookings.
* **ERP System Proficiency** : Used Kerridge ERP software for customer and sales management.

**Nov 2015 – Jan 2016 Timoleon**

**POSITION HELD: Customer Service Advisor**

* **Customer Service** : Handled phone and email queries for underfloor heating products.
* **CRM System Proficiency** : Used in-house CRM for quotations and administrative tasks.
* **Business Coordination** : Liaised with business development managers to support sales processes.

**May 2015 – August 2015 Capita Asset Services**

**POSITION HELD: DTP Typesetter**

* **Document Design & Formatting** : Used Adobe InDesign, Illustrator, and Acrobat for financial document preparation.
* **Proofreading & Accuracy** : Reviewed and amended documents to ensure precision before submission.
* **Deadline Management** : Worked under pressure to meet strict deadlines and targets.

**Jul 2012 – May 2015 Patersons**

**POSITION HELD: Sales Co-ordinator**

* **Sales & Customer Relations** : Managed key customer accounts, doubling sales turnover in 2013/14.
* **Order Processing** : Handled inbound and outbound sales orders using ProfitPlus software.
* **Supplier Coordination** : Liaised with suppliers for non-stock items and order fulfilment.
* **Data Management** : Maintained delivery records and processed sales data efficiently.

**INTERNSHIP / WORK EXPERIENCE:**

**2014 Big Wave Media**

**POSITION HELD: Volunteer**

* Practiced with Adobe Illustrator for the first time and worked on some live projects, amending text and images
* Created memes and learned more about typography

**EDUCATION**:

**2021 – 2023** **Falmouth University**

MA Indie Game Development

**2017 – 2019 Pitman Training Limited**

 Diploma in Graphic Design (Distinction)

* WordPress for Business - Distinction - 2017
* Adobe Illustrator CC - Completed - 2018
* Adobe InDesign CC - Completed - 2019
* Adobe Photoshop CC - Completed - 2019
* Adobe Animate CC - Completed - 2019
* Web Design for Business Award/ Social-Media for Strategy - Distinction - 2019

**2017 London Art College**

 Diploma in Digital Illustration (Distinction)

**2016 Petroc College**

 NVQ Level 2 Business and Administration

**2014 – 2016 London Art College**

 Diploma in Children’s Book Illustration

**2005 – 2008 University of Plymouth**

 BA Theatre and Performance

**ACHIEVEMENTS**:

* 3D Japanese Environment - Eastern Wander - 2022
* Second Video Game - Hazel and the Last Symbol - 2022
* First Video Game - Minims Lyrical Journey - 2022
* Published 3 Children’s Books - 2020 - 2021
* Distinction - Graphic Design Diploma - 2019
* Distinction - Social Media for Strategy - 2019
* Distinction - Digital Illustration - 2017
* Featured Art Work; “Button in the Bamboo” for London Art College.