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Summary

I'm Ali, a web developer with three years of experience creating web applications with the LAMP stack. With a background in Computer Science, I have strong technical skills and the ability to apply them to business problems. If you would like to work with me, please feel free to get in touch or find out more on my [LinkedIn profile](#).

Relevant Experience

Contract Web Developer at Lost Ferret – August 2009 to Present - UK

At Lost Ferret I was tasked with integrating a clients existing Java-based platform with Lost Ferrets in-house Zend-based e-commerce platform via XML. I was also involved in smaller integrations with third party systems using SOAP and REST based APIs.

Web Developer at Score Communications – October 2008 to August 2009 - UK

At Score my primary responsibility was to build, maintain and produce technical documentation for content-managed client websites using XHTML/CSS, JavaScript, AJAX and the LAMP stack.

I was also responsible for system administration tasks including automated backups and site-migrations. I also contributed to the formalization of Scores' in-house development process and helped put in place security best practices for client websites.

Freelance Web Developer – August 2006 to Present - Japan/UK

As a freelancer in Japan I dealt mainly with individuals and small businesses, building smaller, brochure-style sites along with larger content-managed sites, usually in both Japanese and English. In the UK I work primarily with Design agencies as a technical consultant, providing expertise on hosting and system administration along with my web development services.

Skills

Linux (*nix): From basics like editing code (vim) and version control (git) to writing scripts with Perl and compiling software from source.

Apache: Installation, configuration and some pretty neat tricks with regular expressions and mod_rewrite.

MySQL and Database Design: I build databases at 3rd Normal Form as standard and make full use of more complex MySQL features.

Object Oriented PHP: I produce readable, well-documented, unit-tested code using industry-standard OO design patterns. I can pull systems together from

scratch, use existing libraries from PEAR or adapt to frameworks such as Zend or Symfony.

Client-Side Coding: Including table-less layouts in XHTML/CSS and user interaction with unobtrusive JavaScript + AJAX.

Miscellaneous: I have basic Ruby on Rails skills, write a blog, can speak Japanese fluently, have basic military training from my time in the Army Cadet Force and am a first-degree black belt in Kendo (Japanese Sword-fighting).

Education

2003 – 2006 - BSC in Computer Science at University College London

Selected Case Studies

Holiday Sardinia (work in progress) – Build + CMS

<http://www.holidaysardinia.com/>

In association with Creative Brew. A multi-lingual website advertising a holiday villa in Sardinia. The site has an AJAX driven CMS that allows users to manage content seamlessly in three languages.

Floating World Records – Build + CMS

<http://www.floatingworldrecords.co.uk/>

In association with Score Communications. An e-commerce website allowing the clients to administer their product catalogue and edit website copy with a simple, unified CMS. The website integrates with Google Checkout to process payments.

Shenley United Jewish Community – Build + CMS

<http://www.shenleyunited.org/>

In association with Score Communications. A standard content managed website. The clients have the ability to edit hierarchical and time-oriented content via the CMS. The website also features an in-depth events calendar that

Spiro Nicholson (work in progress) – Build + CMS

<http://spironicholson.scorecomms.com/>

In association with Score Communications. A complex content managed website. Along with the ability to edit both hierarchical and time-oriented content, the clients have the ability to associate content via tags, and this has various effects on the way pages across the site render.

Future Heathrow – Maintenance/New Functionality

<http://www.futureheathrow.org/>

In association with Score Communications. Alongside ongoing client amends/bugfixes, I was responsible for building a new section of the website and integrating it with the existing CMS. Due to the nature of the sites content and it being a potential target, I also refactored much of the database access code, primarily to protect against SQL injection attacks.

Rebeka Fiona Photography – Bug Fixing, Amends and Consultation

<http://www.rebekafiona.com/>

A key feature of this website (the ability for customers to view, select and order specific photos in a private section) wasn't functioning correctly, and Rebeka brought me in to fix it. I've also been tasked with minor amends and provided consultation on the CMS and Photoshop colour management/automation.