

CALLUM THOMAS ASHTON

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EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

The University Of Chester, Parkgate Road, Chester, CH1 4BJ – (2007-2010)

- BSc Networking and Communication Systems (2.1) – Combining the skills of web-design, database management and programming.
- CCNA part 1.

St John Rigby College, Gathurst Road, Orrell, Wigan, Greater Manchester, WN5 0LJ – (2005-2007)

- A-levels in Media (A), ICT (C) and history (D).
- AS-Level in Geography (C).

Byrchall High School, Warrington Road, Ashton in Makerfield, Wigan, WN4 9PQ

- 11 high GCSE passes in a range of subjects including English & Mathematics.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming Languages

I have practical experience using the following programming languages:

- XHTML, CSS, JavaScript, Java, PHP, ASP.NET.

Development Tools

I am proficient with the following development environments:

- Microsoft Visual Studio, Microsoft Expression Web, Netbeans IDE, SQL Server Management Studio, Microsoft Access.

Design Tools

I have used the following to aid my website designs:

- Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Fireworks, Paint.NET, GIMP.

CAREER HISTORY

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Freelance – September 2010 – January 2011

In order to gain wider experience in the website development field I carried out a series of unpaid freelance work. These tasks included, creating design frameworks for a newly developed CMS system being created by PagePlay and maintenance and upkeep of the sites I had previously helped produce.

Bigblue Product Design Ltd – Website Developer – August 2010 – September 2010

In order to gain “on job experience” and broaden my knowledge I worked as part of a small website development team whose primary focus was to increase online sales through SEO campaigns and micro sites. I used a range of technologies to assist with the creation of online forms and spent considerable time working in conjunction with the SEO manager. I provided a degree of IT support for the office and setup and managed various small scale servers. My daily duties also included providing customer support through telephone calls and online web messenger.

Youth Volunteering Warrington - Website Developer - July 2010 – August 2010

Due to the high standard of web design ability shown during a previous project, I was approached by Youth Volunteering Warrington to re-develop their main corporate website. A tight deadline was imposed to increase the effectiveness of the website during the summer break. Careful planning and daily interaction between myself and the client ensured that the website produced exceeded the charities requirements and expectations.

The Gateway – Website Developer - August 2009 – September 2009

I was approached by the Warrington Youth Organisation to re-develop an outdated corporate website and bring it into the 21st century, making it a primary marketing tool. I liaised with the client regularly to discuss progress and kept to a tight schedule to ensure the project was completed on time.

Queen Street Christian Centre – Website Developer - May 2009 – June 2009

I enhanced my second years learning during a 'work-based learning' module designing and developing a website. The aim was to rebrand the website to appeal to the younger generation and increase interest in the Church. This was achieved by modernistic graphics developed using Adobe Fireworks and Adobe Photoshop and contemporary website design techniques. A content management system was integrated into the website, helping to keep the client website content fresh and up-to-date.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

News Quest – Media Distributor - July 2008 – September 2008

I prepared and distributed a large volume of papers and advertisement leaflets across a select geographical area. Hard-work and careful planning helped make my distribution efficient as noticed by my supervisor who offered me additional rounds.

The Stonecross Brewers Fayre – Kitchen Assistant - October 2006 – April 2008

I worked as part of a highly pressured team and was responsible for a wide range of general kitchen duties. Good communication, the ability to multi task and a calm organised manner was vital in this situation. I was responsible for maintaining high standards of hygiene within the kitchen and assisted with cooking when required.

PERSONAL INTERESTS

In my spare time, I like to lead an active and healthy life style. I enjoy socialising with my friends, working out at the gym and creating freelance websites for various charities. I have a keen interest in motorbikes and manage my own online community dedicated to the modification of Monkey Bikes.

REFERENCES

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