

MR DANIEL WILKINS – Live CV

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Personal Profile

I am currently a trainee developer at 'Dentons Digital'. During my time here, this has aided my professional development within the digital industry by enhancing mainly WordPress, back-end and problem-solving knowledge and strengthening my skillset with new eCommerce technology know-how. Before joining 'Dentons Digital', I had recently finished a degree studying Digital Media Development (BSc Hons) at the University of Winchester, achieving a 1st Class Honours.

I am exceptionally conscientious, hard working and meticulous, being highly reliable and trustworthy and I possess a creative flair, self-discipline, self-motivation and the ability to work effectively, both independently and as part of a team. I aspire to become a senior website developer whilst also helping to contribute to continued company success.

My Current Achievements

Winning team member from 'Pitch Your Project' Recycle+ Business idea at the University of Winchester - April 2018

Programming for the Web – Getting Interactive – June 2016 (Bath College Evening Classes)

Programming for the Web – Layout and Style with CSS – March 2016 (Bath College Evening Classes)

Programming for the Web – An introduction to HTML – February 2016 (Bath College Evening Classes)

ICT recognition of hard work and commitment award at Midsomer Norton Sixth Form - January 2016

Certificate in Business Administration – February 2016

Rockschool Grade 4 Drums – Merit – December 2015

Rockschool Grade 3 Drums – Merit – November 2013

Rockschool Grade 2 Drums – Distinction – December 2012

Rockschool Grade 1 Drums – Merit – December 2011

Skills

My strongest asset is developing websites as I have an abundance of knowledge relating to HTML5 and CSS3. This therefore enables me to create a substantial structure of a web page and apply a stylesheet to additionally add an appearance which will entice and engage the user on various devices. Furthermore, I have an understanding of Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator and After Effects and even though my passion is with website development, in particular the front-end aspect, it is still beneficial to have a level of understanding of this software.

Coding languages including JavaScript, jQuery, PHP and MySQL are areas I have some knowledge of too. This is because I have participated in an introductory course covering some aspects, have undertaken further reading, enhanced understanding through 'Codecademy' as well as undertaking tasks/projects both within and outside of working environments.

Furthermore, I have also used WordPress, Magento 1/Magento 2 and WooCommerce recently at 'Dentons Digital' and therefore have knowledge of how to develop websites within popular content management/eCommerce platforms.

One final aspect to note is that between graduating and joining 'Dentons Digital', I obtained know-how of how to use the modern frameworks/tools of Laravel, Vue.js, React and SASS from both project work and self-experimentation ('Codecademy' and 'YouTube' tutorials).

Qualifications

Previous to studying at the University of Winchester, I studied ICT, Spanish and English Literature and Language at A Level of which I received two B grades (in ICT and Spanish) and one C grade (in English Literature and Language). Studying Spanish and ICT has assisted me in understanding both the different software and coding languages I have been introduced to. Prior to my A Levels, I achieved 10 GCSE A-C grades in a variety of subjects ranging from English Language to History.

Industry Related Work Experience/Full-time Employment

Dentons Digital, Westbury

Work Experience Leading To Full-time Employment (22 October 2020 – Present)

I have gained in-depth industry experience within a successful digital agency by working on both websites across a broad client base and on an internal project. In return, this has provided

diverse work within CMS/eCommerce platforms (mostly WordPress, WooCommerce and Magento 2) and opportunities to boost MVC framework knowledge through PHP concepts and the PHP template engine 'Smarty'.

Everyday tasks have varied from resolving website bugs and installing/configuring plugins to implementing front-end/back-end amends and Magento 2 builds. Magento 2 builds have involved using a page builder and additional code to replicate created WordPress design concepts. Furthermore, other build tasks have included undertaking CSV imports, establishing shipping, tax and payment methods and undertaking cross-browser/device testing. Throughout, I have also utilised developer tools including SSH/terminal, FTP and database software as well as improving understanding of server tasks such as creating subdomains and using 'Softaculous' software to generate test websites.

Overall, I have mainly enhanced WordPress, back-end and problem-solving knowledge whilst also strengthening my skillset with new eCommerce technology know-how.

OJO Solutions, Bradford-on-Avon
Work Experience (28 October - 29 November 2019)

I was set a variety of tasks to complete across a range of existing projects whilst also being able to explore different areas and processes of the company. This included undertaking research regarding bug fixes and understanding how to integrate certain features into current projects. Furthermore, I undertook thorough cross-browser and device testing for a web application before its release, highlighting issues to be resolved and communicating these with other team members. One final main area explored involved creating UX wireframes for an existing project. This then allowed myself to create a couple of responsive and cross-browser web pages utilising HTML and CSS whilst also using JavaScript/jQuery to integrate additional functionality where required. Overall, I was able to gain invaluable experience of working within a successful digital solutions organisation whilst also expanding my knowledge and skillset within the digital industry.

Coullweb Ltd, Basingstoke
Work Experience (12-23 November 2018)

During my time spent at 'Coullweb', I undertook many tasks including making front-end page edits through the use of HTML and CSS and producing a fictitious clients partner page, allowing for filtering of clients by category via the use of WordPress. I also undertook the task of creating a fictitious register and login system, allowing users to create an account as well as being able to log into their account and reset their password if forgotten. The technologies utilised for this

were PHP, WordPress and MySQL. The final task I undertook involved creating a landing page, utilising HTML and CSS to achieve this.

The ICE Agency, Winchester
Work Experience (8-12 October 2018)

Following designs provided by the company and demonstrating my approach, I undertook the task of creating both a home page and about page of an existing website. Utilised technologies included HTML and CSS with Flexbox being adopted to help structure sections of each page. Furthermore, WordPress was used to create 'Page Templates', allowing for custom-built web pages. The WordPress plugin 'Advanced Custom Fields' was also utilised, enabling editing of certain fields on each page. In addition to this, I was introduced to other new areas including Gulp JS, Bitbucket, Sourcetree and Emmet.