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## Personal Statement

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Hardworking and enthusiastic Software Engineer from Wales with more than 3 years worth of industry experience working with JavaScript. With a passion for problem-solving and possessing the experience of taking enterprise-level projects from concept through development, testing, and deployment. Building fast, responsive, and accessible sites using modern technologies.

## Work Experience

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### Software Engineer, [Hashnode](#), Remote

May 2021 - Present

- Working closely with a dynamic 10 person developer team writing code largely in TypeScript and React, tending to a +100k active user base.
- Coordinating with a product manager and design team to deliver several key features for our popular blog product. Contributing to a roughly 250% increase in new blogs created per month since joining the team.
- Delivering key performance enhancements and accessibility improvements to Hashnode blogs that helped cement it as a top option for developers starting a blog.
- Spearheaded an end-to-end test setup for the frontend including a continuous integration pipeline using GitHub Actions that helped increase confidence in code and decrease the number of bugs.
- Contributed to building out an in-house UI library from scratch, coordinating with the design team to bring consistency and accessibility across the site UI/UX.
- Regular code reviewer and feature tester to help find issues, suggest improvements, and maintain code standards.

### Various short term roles, New Zealand

Apr 2019 - Oct 2020

- Spent almost two years travelling and working in New Zealand taking up various short term work opportunities. Roles included Maitre' D, wait staff, hostel receptionist, and seasonal work.

### Customer Service/Cashier, Asda Walmart, United Kingdom,

June 2017- April 2019

- Customer service desk/ checkout operator colleague dealing with customer refunds and exchanges as well as queries, complaints, and the sale of age-restricted goods.
- Also possessing experience as the person in charge of overseeing the checkout/cashier section and rotation of colleagues.

## Key Skills

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### Problem Solving

- Working for a fast paced developer team at Hashnode requires you to evaluate problems and deliver efficient solutions to complex problems on a daily basis.

### Communication & Teamwork

- Clear and constant communication was a vital part of working as part of a fully remote team. Not only communicating within the developer, but over communication with design, dev relation teams, and everyone else was a necessity to keep everyone in the loop and on the same page.

### Willingness to Learn/ Fail

- Leaving a safe career as an electronic engineer to pursue a passion in a field where things move so quickly demonstrates the eagerness to keep learning and desire to improve.

## Technical Skills

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TypeScript (JavaScript), React, Next.js, Node.js, Git, HTML, CSS, TailwindCSS & much more.

## Achievements

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- Open source contributor to [@DefinitelyTyped](#), providing type definitions for an existing package that was previously without types.
- Top 50 writer on Hashnode blogging platform for several months, writing web development focused articles on various technical and non-technical topics.
- Featured several times as a writer in the [Software Testing Notes](#) newsletter.

## Education

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**Bangor University, Bangor, Wales, United Kingdom**

**Sep 2013 – May 2017**

- Integrated Masters Degree in Electronic Engineering (MEng) with first-class honors.

**Llangefni High School, Llangefni, Wales, United Kingdom**

**Sep 2006 – May 2013**

- 3 A Level awards - Electronics (B), Maths (C) and Physics (D),  
11 GCSE grades A\* - B and Welsh Baccalaureate award provided by WJEC (Pass).

## References

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Available upon request.