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Front-end web developer

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SUMMARY

Solutions-driven professional with 15+ years in higher education, recently retrained as a front-end web developer. Passionate about writing clean, maintainable code and applying technical skills to real-world applications. Experienced in business analysis and stakeholder management, having played a key role in a multi-million dollar SaaS implementation at UNSW. A strong communicator and problem-solver, eager to leverage transferable skills to build a long-term career as a front-end web developer.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Business Consultant | 2021 - Present

University of New South Wales (UNSW)

- Co-authored a successful business case, securing multi-million dollar funding for the implementation of a Progression Checker & Study Planner enterprise solution.
- Collaborated with the project team to implement the solution, managing vendor relationships, engaging business stakeholders, and delivering a new SaaS product supporting ~80,000 students and 500+ staff.
- Leveraged SQL to generate reports analyzing student and curriculum data, identifying structural inconsistencies and areas for improvement.
- Led a team of project analysts in the manual configuration of 5+ annual rulesets per degree for over 500 degrees, ensuring accuracy and alignment with UNSW's curriculum.
- Facilitated cross-functional collaboration between business stakeholders, project teams, and SaaS vendors to align product capabilities with institutional needs.

Technical Analyst/Developer | 2019 - 2021

City, University of London

- Designed, developed, and deployed a university-wide system for managing students requiring assessment repeats, improving administrative efficiency.
- Executed the identification, development, implementation, and maintenance of student systems, tools, and components to enhance university operations.
- Maintained accurate audit trails by documenting code creation, modifications, and retirements in Jira, ensuring transparency and compliance.
- Optimised system performance and reliability by identifying and resolving technical issues within student management systems.

SKILLS

HTML, CSS & JavaScript

SQL (Oracle SQL, PostgreSQL)

Git & GitHub

Jira (JQL) and Confluence

React

Excel & VBA

CERTIFICATES & EDUCATION

Software Engineering Flex Immersive | 2022

AgilePM Foundation | 2019

General Assembly, Sydney

City, University of London

Actors College of Theatre & Television | 2004-2005

Diploma in Performance Practice (Acting)