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OBJECTIVE

Primarily to gain skills and experience to better enter an industry which excites and interests me. Additionally to have the opportunity to put what I learn to a real world use.

EDUCATION

Oct.2009 –July 2012 – Oxford University

Computer Science (BA)

- Overall classification: 1st Class
- At the end of every year of my degree I consistently achieved an overall grade of a 1st with a distinction in practicals.
- Because of this success I was awarded a College Scholarship. I was also awarded a Misys scholarship.
- In my second year my team and I won the IBM Prize for best project in the group design practical. The project was an app for a bada smartphone written in C++.

Sept.2002 - June.2009 - The John of Gaunt School and The Trowbridge Sixth Form College

- A Levels: A Maths, A Further Maths and A Computing
- AS Level: A Physics
- GCSEs: A* Maths, A* Statistics, A* English, A* English Literature, A*A* Double Science, A* Geography, A Product Design, A History, B Religious Studies and B Spanish

WORK EXPERIENCE/PERSONAL PROJECTS

Jun.2010 - Sept.2010, Sept.2011 and June 2012 Onwards - *Internet Services Developer* - Netcraft, Bath

- At Netcraft I worked on a number of their services; from conducting takedowns on websites phishing against Netcraft's clients, to adding tests for the latest security issues in their automated security scanning.
- At Netcraft I gained experience working with Perl, VBA and JavaScript.

May 2011 – March 2012 - *President* - Oxford Computer Society

- The society was re-launched at the start of the 2011 academic year, since then it saw its largest growth in membership since its foundation in 1978. I worked closely with a number of businesses to arrange sponsorship, talks for the society, and hopefully lasting links.
- I ran a weekly technology competition, for which I occasionally have to write small programs in Haskell, Perl or Java to assist in generating the challenges.
- For more information please see compsoc.net

Sept.2009 Onwards - Small applications on the Facebook and other Platforms

- Through developing www.stcatzball.com, jcr.stcatz.ox.ac.uk and bikebreakersuk.com I have gained a working understanding of PHP, JavaScript and MySQL.
- Past projects include a personal finance tracking application for my Windows Mobile device written in Visual Basic, a simple “just for fun” Facebook application, log parser and web scripts for a computer game, and a snake clone.

Aug.2008 - Dec.2008 - *Xbox Cluster System*

- Using 8 original Xboxes and a kernel patch I created a small load balancing cluster network. Whilst the end result serves little practical use for myself I found the project a very rewarding experience.
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