

MATTHEW AITKEN

[junior full stack software developer]

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Junior Full Stack Developer with a passion for clean code, continuous improvement, and collaboration. Quick to pick up new tools and technologies, with strong problem-solving skills and a keen eye for detail. Completed a distinction-grade diploma in Full Stack Software Development, with strong skills in Python, JavaScript, HTML/CSS, and experience using Django, Bootstrap, Tailwind, and PostgreSQL. Confident writing unit tests to maintain code quality and working in Agile environments.

QUALIFICATIONS & EDUCATION

July 2024 - May 2025	Code Institute	Dublin, Ireland (remote)
	Diploma in Full Stack Software Development [Distinction]	
September 2003- July 2006	University for the Creative Arts	Rochester
	BA(Hons) Modelmaking [2:1]	
September 2002 - July 2003	Kent Institute of Art and Design	Rochester
	BTEC National Diploma in 3D Design	

SKILLSET

Languages:	HTML, CSS, Javascript, Python, Mermaid, Markdown
Databases:	PostgreSQL, SQLite
Frameworks & Libraries:	Django, React, Bootstrap, Tailwind, jQuery
Version Control:	Git, GitHub
Tools & Technologies:	VS Code, Heroku, Docker, Kubernetes, Balsamiq, Affinity Photo

PORTFOLIO PROJECTS

5th	Treasures Untold:	An e-commerce app for rare and magical items from the Disney realms.
	Technologies:	HTML, CSS with Bootstrap, JavaScript, Python. Django framework with PostgreSQL database for storage. Stripe API for payments, and Cloudinary for serving images. Deployed on Heroku.
	GitHub:	https://github.com/apeskinian/p5_treasures_untold
4th	Watch-O-Tron:	A watch collection management app.
	Technologies:	HTML, CSS with Bootstrap, JavaScript, Python. Django framework with PostgreSQL database for storage. Cloudinary for serving images. Deployed on Heroku.
	GitHub:	https://github.com/apeskinian/p4_watch-o-tron
3rd	Watch-O-Matic	An app to manage a watch collection.
	Technologies:	Python, and Google API for storing/accessing information in a spreadsheet. Deployed on Heroku.
	GitHub:	https://github.com/apeskinian/p3_watch-o-matic
2nd	Dragons are Cool	An online quiz based on the popular tv series 'House of the Dragon'.
	Technologies:	HTML, CSS and JavaScript. Hosted on GitHub.
	GitHub:	https://github.com/apeskinian/p2_dac
1st	BGFC	A website to showcase a local Board Game and Film Club.
	Technologies:	HTML, CSS. Hosted on GitHub.
	GitHub:	https://github.com/apeskinian/p1_bgfc

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Oct 2017 - Jun 2024	Pipers Model Making Services Ltd	Head of Studio	Ashford/London
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Gained vital experience in running a satellite studio of a larger company.- Liaising with clients and understanding their needs and getting the information required to do the job.- Created a new interactive lighting system for models run from a Raspberry Pi. An HTML interface was used to control programmable LEDs using Python.			
Sept 2016 - Oct 2017	Pipers Model Making Services Ltd	Team Leader	Ashford
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Managing teams and recognising strengths within the team to efficiently delegate jobs.- Supporting the Head of Studio, quoting jobs for clients, and managing teams.			
Sept 2014 - Sept 2016	Piper Model Making Services Ltd	Project Leader	Ashford
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Gained experience in splitting larger jobs into areas for assignment of workloads to team members.- Prioritising tasks and giving estimations of time.- Maintained the company's IT infrastructure and provided support to staff.			
July 2006 - Sept 2014	Pipers Model Making Services Ltd	Modelmaker	Ashford
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Gained experience and knowledge required to manage my own time in order to meet deadlines.- Build vital skills in maintaining accuracy, quality and attention to detail.- Gained experience in working in teams to meet tight deadlines.			
Aug 2004 - May 2005	Comber Models	Modelmaker	Maidstone
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Junior role while still working towards my degree in Modelmaking.			

ADDITIONAL TRAINING / CERTIFICATES

- **UDEMY:** React - The Complete Guide 2025 (71.5 hrs) **[in progress...]**
- **UDEMY:** Docker & Kubernetes - The Practical Guide **[attained July 2025]**
- **UDEMY:** Unit Testing and TDD in Python **[attained June 2025]**
- **Code Institute:** 2nd Place in May Hackathon: Branching Out **[attained May 2025]**
- **Code Institute:** 5 Day Coding Challenge **[attained on 17th May 2024]**
- **CISCO:** Cisco Certified Network Associate **[attained in May 2013, no longer active]**

TECH INTERESTS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Continuously enhance my portfolio site to refine full stack skills and explore new tools.
- Building a custom model LED lighting system using Django, with plans to support more lighting types.
- Actively use 3D printing and laser cutting in personal projects to stay creatively engaged and technically sharp.

LANGUAGES

- **ENGLISH** | Native speaker.
- **JAPANESE** | Beginner.

REFERENCES

Available on request.