

About me

Full-stack Software Engineer with more than 13 years commercial experience, predominantly working with Ruby on Rails, expert in responsive and high performance systems. Agile practitioner, project leader, consultant, excellent communicator and perpetual learner.

Employment

Current

Bennett-Lovesey Ltd **Director** August 2013 - Today.

Creative development services, on-site & remote contracting.
Designing and developing dynamic web applications, large and small.
Consultancy, training and project management.

Recent Achievements:

- Integrated an existing Rails system with Staah, an international hotel reservation intermediary
- Secure integration of clinical Rails-based CRM with NHS SPINE
- Emergency disaster recovery, reprovisioned, repopulated and deployed CMS within 24h
- Built an invoicing system
- Lead a team in building a blockchain funding platform

Recent clients include:

InnStyle / Staylists | Hotel management suite -
SH:24 | Discrete postal STI testing -
Archant Dialogue | Bespoke agency for large companies -
Medical Research Council - Newmarket Scientific - Medway
Community Healthcare - Methods digital - Bitsilk - thefourhfive.com
- Naked Element - The App Business - Mopp.com

Previous

PANDR **Senior Developer** June 2012 - August 2013.

Award-winning web agency.
Prototyping and building new web products, maintaining and rewriting old code, systems administration and project management.

Byte9 **Software Developer** August 2008 - June 2012.

PHP and Ruby - Web solutions agency catering to the publishing industry.

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Possible Roles:

CTO
Principal / Lead developer
Senior full-stack engineer
Systems architect
Mentor
Scrum master

Key technologies:

Ruby / Rails
Javascript
Responsive CSS
Linux
Git
DevOps

Key skills:

TDD / BDD
Team building / Mentorship
SOLID OOP / Design patterns
Excellent communicator
Making complex topics accessible
Developer interviews & onboarding
Third party integrations

Previous industries:

Medical - Publishing - Hospitality -
Energy - Cryptocurrency - Agency
- Scientific - Government

Education

Constantly learning.

Frequently watch conference talks, read books, learn new languages, give local training and presentations on new technologies.

Certified Ethereum Developer.

B9Lab

May 2016.

9-week course, from blockchain basics and development on eventually-consistent systems, to building a final project in Solidity for Ethereum.

MEng

University of Wales,

2003 - 2008

Software Engineering

Aberystwyth

Grade: 2:1

5-year course inc. year in industry. Programming (mostly Java), Data Structures, Design patterns, Wearable Computing, Distributed Systems, Real-time Systems, Ethical Hacking.

Dissertation: Built an IDE in Ruby on Rails.

Hobbies

3D Printing. Mocking up 3D models with OpenJSCAD / Cura for printing on my FDM printer (Kingroon KP3S)

Electronics and Microcontrollers. Mostly hooking things up to Espruino, ESP8266 and Raspberry Pi boards.

Making music. Enjoy playing guitar, keyboard, bass guitar and drums - all self-taught.

Networking. Previously run and sponsored the Norwich Ruby User Group and have attended and given presentations at Ipswich Ruby User Group. Previous contributor to Norfolk Tech Journal.

About you

You're looking for an expert software developer or team lead who can balance getting results with producing high quality code, and brings out the best in others. I'm passionate about what I do, and motivated to see your business flourish as a result.

I'm primarily looking for **remote** or **Norwich**-based contract or permanent roles. If I don't quite fit the bill, or even if you are looking for a full product development team, feel free to get in contact anyway (details at the bottom of this CV) and I'll try to help if I can.

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