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## Personal Statement

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I am a Front-end Website Developer specialising in Bespoke WordPress theme development. I have 3 years of agency experience working in and around Manchester. Currently I work as a Front-end Developer at Pixel Kicks – Manchester’s highest rated agency. I graduated in 2017 with a first class honours in Website Development.

## Education

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- 2014 - 2017 **Manchester Metropolitan University**  
BSc Website Development (1<sup>st</sup> class Honours)
- 2013 - 2014 **Stockport College**  
A Levels: Graphic Design (A\*), Business Studies (D), ICT(D)
- 2011 - 2012 **Stockport College**  
Maths(C)  
English(C)
- 2006 - 2011 **Reddish Vale Technology College**  
6 GCSE Grade A – D including an A in Graphic Design

## Relevant Work Experience

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### 2016-2017 - **Supremo**

During my time at University Supremo reached out looking for apprentices to work 2-3 days a week to get a feel for agency life. During my 8 months, my main task as a junior was getting to grips with WordPress. I used my existing knowledge of Git, Grunt and SASS to work alongside the designers and developers translating Photoshop designs into web pages. By the end of this experience I had the knowledge of how WordPress worked, how I could integrate a static website to work inside a CMS from start to finish and most importantly what it was like to work as part of an agency team.

### May 2017 - Current - **Pixel Kicks**

I joined Pixel Kicks as a Junior Website Developer. Initially my responsibilities were maintaining and providing on-going updates to existing clients’ websites. This mainly involved working with WordPress and PHP. After a short period at Pixel Kicks my responsibilities increased drastically. Due to my previous experience at University I was put in charge of handling website optimisation, this included the handling of GZIP Compression, concatenation of files, handling render-blocking resources and other general optimisation techniques to boost page load-times. Other skills gained during my time at Pixel Kicks include setting websites live, configuring DNS settings, updating A-Records and working with

IIS servers. More recently I have been the lead developer on one of Pixel Kicks largest projects, which was essentially a bespoke extranet system for users to log into – the ability to opt in and out of complex promotions. Important analytical data is tracked and sent via a scheduled email using a CRON job built solely by me.

## **Additional Skills**

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**React & Vue:** Though I'm not as confident with React and Vue as I am with PHP, I am starting to get to use it more in my personal projects

**Laravel:** After working with WordPress I decided it would be a good idea to try and get to grips with a PHP framework.

**Gatsby:** Paired with React, Gatsby seemed like a great tool to use. I am actively learning about Gatsby and am still very much a beginner.

**Tailwind:** After using various CSS methodologies .i.e. BEM, ITCSS I decided to try using a utility first framework to see how much cleaner and more efficient it would make my code.

## **Interests**

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My main interest when I am not in work is focusing on side projects, be it something random that I am trying to build to test myself or a project I can use practically in day to day life. Another interest outside of technology is fitness; I have a keen interest in maintaining a healthy lifestyle by regularly visiting the Gym.

## **References**

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Available upon request.