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Full Stack Developer

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SKILLS

Backend

C# .NET
TypeScript Node.js
NuGet Hangfire

Architecture

Clean Architecture SOLID
DRY CQRS
REST and SOAP

Frontend

React Next.js
Angular
React Native (Expo)
Tailwind Bootstrap
Storybook
Webpack

CMS and marketing

Umbraco Sitecore
HubSpot
Google Analytics

Cloud and data

Azure
Azure DevOps
Cosmos DB
Azure AI Search
SQL Server
PostgreSQL
Firebase
Google Cloud
RabbitMQ Stripe
Docker Git

Testing and quality

Vitest xUnit
Lighthouse

Design

Figma Adobe XD

AI

Claude ChatGPT

PROFILE

Full stack developer with over five years of commercial experience in Agile teams, building .NET APIs and services with React, Next.js and Angular frontends. Delivery spans automated underwriting for a motor finance lender, enterprise CMS platforms for Phoenix Group, Swiss Re and Allen & Overy, and a trauma training app on iOS and Android. A degree in interaction design underpins close work with design and QA and accessible, WCAG-compliant interfaces, alongside a focus on clean architecture, SOLID and DRY principles, testing and CI/CD.

EXPERIENCE

Software Engineer

Jan 2026 – Present

Go Deploy · *Virtual IT training labs · small product team*

- Building a self-service tool that lets training customers configure their own Hyper-V lab environments, integrated with an established legacy backend
- Upgrading services from .NET 5 to .NET 10 and packaging internal APIs as NuGet libraries for reuse across services
- Took the test suites from broken and out of date to fully passing, with every service now tested automatically in the CI/CD pipeline
- Delivering features in a multi-project Angular workspace from Adobe XD designs, alongside QA and design

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Mar 2025 – Dec 2025

Clear Sky Logic · *Software consultancy · squad within a larger client programme*

- Member of the team that built Startline Motor Finance's new origination platform, automating underwriting for around 300,000 proposals a month
- Built configurable decisioning workflows using TransUnion credit data, which the client's own team could adjust through the front end, so lending rules change without a release
- Built APIs ingesting dealer and introducer proposals as JSON and SOAP, with event-driven processing on Azure Service Bus, CQRS and Cosmos DB
- Built the call centre software for viewing and managing proposals through every stage of underwriting, alongside the React admin panels
- Introduced Agile and DevOps practices that improved delivery cadence and sprint visibility

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Mar 2023 – Mar 2025

Hugo & Cat (HugoMRM) · *Digital agency · cross-team delivery on several client projects*

- **Phoenix Group (now Standard Life plc):** digital transformation consolidating the group's brand sites, including Standard Life, ReAssure and Phoenix Insights, onto a single Umbraco platform, including a full information architecture review, a componentised design pass and pattern library, redirect mapping and SEO optimisation
- **Allen & Overy (now A&O Shearman):** headless Sitecore with a Next.js frontend
- **Society of Interventional Radiology:** Umbraco build including Umbraco Commerce and Umbraco Forms, with Hangfire data ingestion running on a schedule and on manual trigger
- **Swiss Re, Smart DCC, CBI, Tourism Ireland, Dart (Cayman Islands):** Umbraco backends with decoupled frontends, using custom Webpack and Storybook setups

EDUCATION

BSc Digital Media and Interaction Design
Edinburgh Napier University · 2016 – 2020

HND Visual Communication
Cardonald College · 2011 – 2013

CERTIFICATIONS

AZ-900 Microsoft Azure Fundamentals

EARLIER EXPERIENCE

Customer Service Executive
Esure · 2020 – 2021

Duty Manager
Caledonian Heritable · 2015 – 2020

- **American College of Surgeons:** co-developed the ACS MyATLS trauma training app in React Native, published on the App Store and Google Play and nominated for an Umbraco Cloud award
- SEO and performance built into every site, audited with Lighthouse and Screaming Frog, with HubSpot and Google Analytics integrations, released through automated Azure DevOps pipelines
- Built site search for these projects with Azure AI Search and Examine
- Code review and mentoring of junior developers

Front End Developer

Mar 2021 – Feb 2023

eCom Learning Solutions · *E-learning platforms · small team*

- Worked mainly on the eNetLearn LMS and eNetEnterprise products, plus the eNetReality VR authoring tool
- Delivered bespoke and multi-tenant learning platforms for the British Council, RNIB and UKAD, from discovery through to delivery
- Built SCORM and xAPI integrations and WCAG-compliant interfaces, including for RNIB
- Delivered a major SEO optimisation phase for the company's main website, the parent site for all of its products and client platforms
- Implemented Microsoft authentication and Azure hosting for secure enterprise deployments

PERSONAL PROJECT

TheBensage platform

2026

thebensage.com · *self-hosted platform, built and run end to end*

- A Next.js portfolio, a .NET and PostgreSQL REST API built on clean architecture, and a User Directory app, with single sign-on through authentik (OpenID Connect)
- Shared React component library published as a package and documented in Storybook
- Docker deployments through GitHub Actions with approval gates, on a VPS managed with Coolify and monitored with Grafana and Prometheus