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- ★ Over 24 Million Hits
- ★ Mentioned on Radio 1
- ★ Collaborated with Warner Brothers
- ★ The Web All-Rounder
- ★ 10 Years Designing Websites

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HTML	████████████████████	SKILLSET
CSS	████████████████████	
CMS	██████████████████	
PHP	██████	
JavaScript/jQuery	████	
SQL/Database	████████	
Web Content	██████████████████	
Online Marketing	██████████████	

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PERSONAL STATEMENT



From Web Design on a dial up connection, to over 24 million hits and ten years online, I've seen the rise in web. I'm a web all-rounder, with experience in design and development. Starting as an after-school hobby at age 15, I am both self-taught and BSc qualified in a range of web technologies. Primarily front-end, HTML and CSS are my bread and butter. I am experienced in client relations and qualified to teach adult learners.

EDUCATION & TRAINING



📖 Princes Trust	Princes Trust Explore Enterprise Course
📖 NCFE	NCFE Level 3 Award in Education and Training
📖 Teesside University	BSc (Hons) Web Development with 2:1 degree classification
📖 Middlesbrough College	BTEC National Diploma in Music Technology: Distinction, Distinction, Distinction Keyskills ICT Level 2
📖 Stokesley School	10 GCSE's at grades A – C (details available upon request)

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WEB EXPERIENCE



Web Shrimp

Portfolio of a freelancer

www.webshrimp.uk

Ongoing since 2014

Web Shrimp is the domain I use to market my services as a freelancer. After completing the Princes Trust Explore Enterprise course in 2014, I identified a gap in the market for a professional, local, web “all-rounder”. My clients are typically established small – medium sized business who require a web professional to take control of and manage their online presence. They are unable to design, develop and maintain their own website due to time restraints and skill limitations. My primary services include Web Design & Development, Maintenance & Hosting, Graphic Design & Branding, Mobile Optimisation, Social Media Marketing and E – Commerce.

Drinking Souls

Fansite for American rock band

www.drinkingsouls.com

Ongoing since 2005

Drinking Souls is my most successful and enduring web project to date. Starting in 2004, the website was created as a UK fansite for American rock band, *My Chemical Romance*. Initially a hobby, the site quickly picked up a following and by 2010 had gained over 24 million hits in the space of a month. The site became the 2nd most popular My Chemical Romance website just below the band official site. The popularity of Drinking Souls led to a live mention by Zane Lowe on Radio 1 and a continuing stream of liaison with the band's record label Warner Brothers, as well as contact from MTV and notable publications such as Kerrang magazine, Rock Sound, Metal Hammer and Big Cheese. As the site expanded, social media grew and web trends developed, it was optimised for multiple platforms. Unfortunately, My Chemical Romance disbanded in early 2013. The site remains online as an accolade to the band and their fans. It is currently developed on WordPress and is one of the only surviving My Chemical Romance fansites.

Do Teacher Training

Website for Teacher Training courses

www.doteachertraining.com

Ongoing since 2014

Christine Prudhoe of Do Teacher Training commissioned me to develop a website for her teacher training business. Based in Jarrow, the company are well established and required an online presence including a website and management of their social media streams. After several meetings with Christine and her clients I designed and developed a website using Wordpress as a CMS. The site included the required functionality of course details, user roles, social media inclusion and an events calendar. Hosted on my server, I continue to maintain the site and work with Christine on graphic design and IT – related support for her office and personal workstations.

VOLUNTARY EXPERIENCE

Teesside Hospice & Herriot Homecare

May 2013 - Present

While continuing to develop my web skills in my personal time, I began a voluntary position working in my local Teesside Hospice and Herriot Hospice charity shops. This position requires me to work as part of a team, raising money for the local hospice to help ensure targets are met. My varied responsibilities include customer service, organising stock, pricing, housekeeping, handling payments, managing the float, banking, arranging delivery and creating appealing displays. This position has allowed me to expand on my communication and team working skills, which are an essential asset to any job. I have also gained a great awareness of the importance of charity/voluntary work and how it makes a difference both locally and nationally to peoples lives. I continue to work in this role on an average of two to three days a week.

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Away from the keyboard and voluntary work I enjoy a wide range of activities. Music and live shows are of great interest to me and inspire many of my web projects. I enjoy thrifting for second hand vinyl, DIY & craft projects, upcycling and gardening. I enjoy John Hughes movies and reading & writing graphic novels. I enjoy vegetarian cooking and have recently started skateboarding again. I enjoy the gym, the outdoors, play guitar and breed Shrimp as pets.

REFERENCES

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