Matthew Lawson

Senior Developer

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Skills

Multi disciplined passionate full stack senior software developer with skills in Java, Spring, Node.js, HTML5, CSS, AWS, MySQL and PHP.

Based in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne with ability to relocate.

Experience

Palringo / Senior Developer

NOVEMBER 2010 - PRESENT, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE

Palringo, a mobile application company with over 50 million subscribers. Spending six years at Palringo I have spent time working in many different software development disciplines and made an impact in many areas of the business – including:

- Building core API's with both Glassfish (EE) and Spring (Java) running in Tomcat application server
- Developing OAuth2 SSO system for authentication using PassportJS
- Protocol design and implementation in Node.js with socket.io and express (Express.js)
- Payment processing (over 1 million dollars per month)
 - Implementing 3rd party payment API's
 - Distributing virtual goods to users after payment
- Built several highly grossing chat bots (python)
- Built and led the front end architecture of a new web based client. Built with **Polymer** (web components) and **ES6** javascript.
 - Also built a prototype using **AngularJS** before moving to **Polymer**
- In chat game development (HTML / CSS / Javascript / Python)
- R&D projects to test feasibility of new products
- On the out of hours on call rota maintaining the infrastructure out of hours reacting to automatic alarms or support staff alerts, This involves a high level of **linux system administration** skills

Most recently I had worked on the newest generation of the instant messaging protocol moving to a **Node.js** and **websocket** based system, which acts as a highly scalable real-time interface to the **Java** APIs. Alongside this backend work I also worked on a new greenfield web client project, this acts as a testing ground for the new protocol that can be rapidly developed and also functions as a fully supported desktop client.

All projects are managed using agile methodologies, I have been involved as both a scrum master and developer.

Freelance / Web Developer

MARCH 2010 - PRESENT, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE

I regularly take on freelance work as a way to expand and keep my front end web development skills current. I have worked as a subcontractor for agencies developing websites for companies including Volkswagen, Lee Kum Kee and Mango bikes.

The B Group / Web Developer

JUNE 2009 - NOVEMBER 2010, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE

B group was a fast paced digital agency. I was regularly involved in planning and building of many websites as well as maintaining existing projects and liaising with clients. PHP, HTML, CSS, Javascript, linux system administration were the main skills I developed at B group.

Accenture/ Java Developer

JULY 2007 - AUGUST 2008, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE

I worked on the browser build team developing the Pay As You Earn browser for HMRC. This involved writing Technical Designs and developing the accompanying code. The technologies I used during my time at Accenture were Java (predominantly), XSL, Javascript, XML, WebLogic, Spring, Java Webservices and Unix

Education

Northumbria University / Computer Science BSc / First Class Honours

SEPTEMBER 2005 - JULY 2009

Side Projects & Open Source activity

Software Development is a passion and hobby of mine as well as my choice of employment. This is a selection of projects I worked on in my spare time.

Mini Stand alone projects

UBER CHROME EXTENSION

http://uberhackathon.devpost.com/submissions/37517-get-me-out-of-here-chrome-extension

ANIMATED SELFIE MAKER FOR OSX

http://devpost.com/software/animated-selfie-maker-for-os-x

Wordpress Plugins

I released 2 eCommerce plugins with over 35k combined downloads.

https://wordpress.org/plugins/search-by-sku-for-woocommerce/

https://wordpress.org/plugins/search-by-product-tags-for-woocommerce

GitHub

https://github.com/matthewlawson

Personal Site

http://www.mattyl.co.uk