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Education

- **2017–2018: Otago Polytechnic (MProfPrac)**
Master of Professional Practice with Merit, via Signal ICT. Workplace-based project focusing on software team dynamics, encompassing employee engagement, dysfunction awareness, group learning, and innovation. Key findings included the importance of psychological safety, the benefits of “skunkworks” projects, and facilitating grassroots-level organisational change.

Employment

- **2016–Present: MTF Finance (Senior Web Developer)**
New product development of customer self-service portal with a Domain-Driven Design approach and Selenium testing technology, and development of internal API suite for internal and vendor application integration, using RESTful microservices.
- **2015–2016: Turboweb (Web Developer)**
Small business web site development with an Open Source, LAMP technology stack, upon an in-house content management platform. Magento and Silverstripe solutions also developed for e-commerce and corporate customers, in addition to external ASP.NET project work.
- **2008–2014: PGG Wrightson (Web Developer / Web Technical Lead)**
Multiple product development of three successive online auction platforms: Agonline, Agonline Helmsman, and Agonline Lifestyle, using ASP.NET and ORM technology. Additionally, development of internal nationwide livestock sale management and reporting system, Stock Quotes.
- **2001–2008: Several independent ventures & contracting**
GeekTrade: Online auction startup focusing on community trading of technology goods.
Les Miskin Development: Freelance web development services.
Eclipse Software: Web development services and bespoke PoS booking software.
Lestek Systems: Computer servicing and online computer hardware retail.

Skills

- Strong software development abilities, emphasising best-practice approaches and automated testing.
- An advocate for employee engagement and wellbeing.
- A practitioner of Agile methodology, emphasising communication and stakeholder alignment.
- Clear and effective public speaker and presenter.
- Enjoy tutoring others, and working in close collaboration.

Background

A long-time computer enthusiast and self-learner, I am seeking to build upon my history of entrepreneurship and general interest in business with a formal body of knowledge in this area. My recent Master’s degree has afforded a great appreciation for the academic process, and I look forward to furthering my aspirations in this regard.

Outside of work, I strive to maintain a healthy lifestyle comprising gym and indoor sports. I also enjoy recreational game development, against various genres and platforms.

Referees

Available upon request.