

Andrew Tait

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Education & Qualifications

Newcastle University: 09/05 - Present

BSc (HONS) Information Systems (1st class honours)

- Developed my skills and become proficient with a number of languages, including JavaScript, Java, PHP, XHTML, Ruby and CSS. I have also been learning Flash in my spare time.
- Improved my interpersonal skills, by performing presentations and by working as part of a software engineering team in 2nd year, where we communicated weekly via video conference with Durham University students. Within this group my key role was website developer, and my overall contribution was essential to our group achieving a special commendation from IBM and LogicaCMG.
- Developed my ability to complete professional large-scale projects, via the dissertation project I worked on. It was concerned with investigating the current problems with the Newcastle University computing science website and identifying what the target audience look for in an undergraduate site. Then I designed, implemented and tested a W3C compliant site that solved the problems identified, and was tailored to the requirements elicited from customer profiling.
- Improved my business awareness, team working and innovation skills by working as part of a team to complete a business plan, as part of my E-Business module.

Berwick High School: 09/01 - 07/05

AVCE ICT (A)

A-Level Resistant Materials (B), Physical Education (C)

8 GCSE's (B-C)

- I achieved the Community Sports Leadership Award, as a sport instructor, I taught to people of various ages, which involved me combining my sports knowledge and leadership skills. I also received the Endowment Scholarship award for my achievements as A-Level.

Employment History

Buyers Guide Ltd: 06/07 – 08/07

www.buyersguide.co.uk

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Job Title: Website Developer

- I attained this 8 week summer placement through the Shell Step programme. This role helped me develop my communication, technical web design skills, and provided me with experience of working in a professional environment.
- This role gave me experience of collaborating with clients against deadlines to deliver high quality results. I also improved my ability to use software packages such as Dreamweaver and Photoshop greatly.
- I also achieved the Shell Step Award by performing a presentation in front of the directors about my experiences, as well as completing a written report and skills tracker, which helped me reflect on all the skills I had developed on my internship.

WM Morrison's Supermarket: 02/05 - 09/05 & 06/06 – 09/06

www.morrisons.co.uk

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Job Title: Checkout Operator

- The role helped me to become more confident, develop my skills in customer service, team working and improved my business awareness.

Interests

I enjoy playing football and tennis, as well as watching films and reading books. In my final year at Newcastle University I co-managed an intra-mural 1st division football team. I enjoyed the responsibility and the role improved my leadership, organisation and communication skills.

References

Gerry O'Rourke (previous employer)

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