CURRICULUM VITAE

After nearly a decade building a successful career in financial services, I realised that the aspects I loved most — problem-solving, analysis, and process improvement — were the same ones that had always drawn me to technology. That realisation led me to graduate through the IT Career Switch Software Development Traineeship as a full stack developer including completing 2 real-world projects successfully to specification using a wide range of programming languages. I'm driven by building things that work beautifully and make sense to people, and I bring the same attention to detail, persistence, and communication skills that defined my time in finance. Now, as a junior developer, I'm ready to contribute, learn quickly, and grow within a collaborative development team.

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CODING TRAINEESHIP

IT Career Switch Ltd
Coding Traineeship – Full Stack Developer - 1-year program

During the traineeship, I had to demonstrate a very competent level of the following programming languages and technical skills:

- HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript
- PHP, SQL, MySQL, React, jQuery, C#
- Python, Node.js, Bootstrap, Java, JSON
- Command line Git, GitHub
- Remote API access

ADDITIONAL TECHNOLOGIES:

- MariaDB, REST APIs, AJAX, VS Code, XAMPP, Debugging, Browser DevTools

DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE:
Below are the two briefs of development projects I completed with IT Career Switch which can be found in my bio: https://pierskwedlake.co.uk/

Portfolio Project #1: "Gazetteer"
Develop a map-based application in HTML, CSS, JavaScript (jQuery) and Bootstrap presenting geographical and demographic data from JSON returned by PHP modules that query third-party APIs such as GeoNames and OpenWeather.

Portfolio Project #2: "Company Directory"
Full project cycle: Formal proposal followed by the development of a company personnel database application using Bootstrap, JavaScript (jQuery), PHP and MySQL. Sign off obtained after demonstrating that all of the required functionality was present and working as intended through the preparation of a formal test script.

CAREER HISTORY:

Jun 2024 – Present **Freelance**
POSITION HELD: **Web Developer**

- Designed and built responsive web applications using modern full-stack tools
- Developed clean, modular PHP and JavaScript code aligned with accessibility best practices
- Applied Git version control for structured collaboration and version management
- Worked closely with tutors and peers to refine UX and resolve complex bugs
- Hosted and deployed projects to live production environments (IONOS)

May 2022 – Aug 2023 **London & Country**
POSITION HELD: **Protection Advisor**

- Delivered FCA-compliant mortgage and protection advice to a wide client base
- Managed own diary and workload efficiently in a fully remote environment
- Provided clear, empathetic communication and detailed documentation of recommendations
- Balanced multiple clients at different stages while maintaining consistent service quality
- Used CRM and digital tools daily — accuracy, process logic, and attention to data integrity were key

Sep 2020 – May 2022 **Reassured Ltd**
POSITION HELD: **Insurance Broker**

- Thrived in a high-pressure sales environment with daily performance targets
- Built rapport quickly and identified clients' protection needs through structured questioning
- Learned to handle objections effectively and maintain professionalism under pressure
- Refined time management and multitasking skills through consistent KPI achievement
- Recognised for persistence and communication – traits now mirrored in coding workflow

Sep 2019 – Aug 2020 **Mortgage Advice Bureau**
POSITION HELD: **Mortgage & Protection Consultant**

- Managed own branch pipeline and led client meetings from enquiry through completion
- Collaborated closely with estate agencies and solicitors to streamline processes
- Delivered bespoke financial recommendations while maintaining compliance standards
- Demonstrated initiative and autonomy – effectively ran own operation
- Learned to translate complex requirements into clear, actionable steps for clients

Aug 2015 – Aug 2019 **Countrywide Mortgage Services**
POSITION HELD: **Mortgage & Protection Consultant**

- Advised clients on complex mortgage and insurance products within FCA guidelines
- Consistently achieved cross-sale targets through strong rapport and trust-building
- Built personal referral networks and generated repeat business through service quality
- Produced detailed, compliant documentation while balancing time-sensitive deadlines
- Developed resilience, focus, and a methodical mindset – all vital in programming work

EDUCATION:

2018	**LIBF** Diploma for Financial Advisors
2015	**CeMAP** Certificate in Mortgage Advice and Practice
2010 – 2012	**Richard Huish College** Three A-Levels
2005 – 2010	**Heathfield Community School** GCSEs (A* – A)