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Kees Postma

Product and web developer with a rare combination of experience in and knowledge of finance, software development, and high-performance teamwork and leadership. Able to rapidly gain proficiency regardless of environment or job setting having successfully transitioned between banking software development, yacht racing, and web development. In an exceptionally strong position to understand and manage people and products from both a business and technological point of view.

EXPERIENCE

London, UK
Jul - Oct '17

Teaching Assistant, Le Wagon
Supported the successful training of students in Europe's #1 immersive full-stack Ruby on Rails program.
- Discussed, analysed and strategized MVP requirements, database schema design, and MVC methodology with multiple teams building marketplace applications.
- Mentored students through pair-programming and solved tickets raised by students on a variety of questions in Ruby on Rails, SQL, HTML, CSS, Bootstrap, and JavaScript.

London, UK
Jun '17

Lead Developer, www.brainpowered.me
Designed, implemented and shipped the final project of Le Wagon's bootcamp with two classmates.
- Developed the web app from planning and design in Sketch into a working MVP two weeks later.
- Introduced Trello task management, GitHub code reviews, and set up Heroku for production.
- Built with Ruby on Rails, PostgreSQL, HTML, SCSS, and jQuery using Agile methodologies.

Worldwide
Aug '14 – '17

Freelance Professional Sailor, Kees Postma Yacht Racing
Specialised in yacht racing with world-class teams such as Team Maverick and J-Class Ranger.
- Continuously adapted to changing conditions and managed crises like medical emergencies.
- Improvised solutions to serious damage to achieve a class win in a race across the Atlantic Ocean.

Worldwide
Sep '13 – Jul '14

Watch Captain, Clipper Round the World Yacht Race
Completed an eleven-month sailing race around the world having never sailed before.
- Promoted to watch captain in charge of safety and performance and reporting to the skipper.
- Rallied the team to turn a last place into a podium finish in a race from the US to Ireland.

Amsterdam, NL
Jun '12 – Jul '13

Business Analyst, Ohpen
Worked on the development of Ohpen's cloud-based core-banking platform.
- Interpreted and translated US 'FATCA' tax law into functional and operational specifications.
- Co-wrote procedure that migrated Robeco into the AWS cloud, the first bank in the world to do so.
- Designed user flows, wireframes, and UX with Axure RP and evaluated these with the engineers.

EDUCATION

London, UK
Apr – Jun '17

Full stack web development bootcamp, Le Wagon
Nine-week intensive bootcamp on HTML, CSS, JavaScript, SQL, git, GitHub, Heroku and Ruby on Rails.

London, UK
2009 – 2012

BSc Investment and Financial Risk Management, Cass Business School
1st Class with Honours. Dissertation on the impact of credit ratings on European sovereign risk pricing.

Antwerp, BE
2007 - 2009

International Baccalaureate Diploma, Antwerp International School
42/45 points. Honour Roll for Outstanding Overall Achievement and International Goodwill Award.

CURRENT SIDE PROJECTS

Passage Logger
A mobile-first web-app where sailors can log their trips and time at sea, consisting of a RESTful Rails API with a PostgreSQL database serving a decoupled React and Redux front-end.

Oct '17 - Present

INTERNSHIPS AND PART-TIME ROLES

2013 – 2014

Global Brand Ambassador, Garmin *(Clipper Round the World Yacht Race)*

2011

Summer Intern, Ohpen *(Amsterdam, NL)*

2010, 2011

Trainee Junior Consultant, Coresta Finance *(Eindhoven NL)*

EU citizen, native Dutch, native English