

Curriculum Vitae

Robert Andrew O'Rourke BSc. (Hons)

Summary:

- o Enthusiastic and highly adaptable
- o Degree in Biomedical Sciences
- o Web developer and designer

Personal Details:

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Personal Statement:

I enjoy working with people who share my enthusiasm towards their work. I work well in a team but I am also capable of seeing a project from start to finish on my own. I am a friendly and easy-going individual, my top priority in life being to follow the philosophy that life is too short to be a negative influence on anyone else's.

Experience:

1. WEB DESIGNER AND DEVELOPER

(September 2005 - November 2006)

Versatilia Ltd - <http://www.versatilia.com>

16 Dryden Street

Burnley BB12 8TQ

Tel: +44 8700 113511

Technical Skills:

- (x)HTML - <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/XHTML>
- CSS - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cascading_Style_Sheets
- Javascript implementations - <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Javascript>
- Microformats - <http://microformats.org>
- SEO - <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seo>
- SVN - <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SVN>
- Basic PHP - <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PHP> *
- Basic MySQL - <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MySQL> *

* I am always seeking to improve upon my skill-set and am eager to develop my programming ability.

Achievements at Versatilia Ltd

- Managed the company **accounts** and invoicing along with other administrative roles for example responding to support calls and emails, participating in meetings, and managing the company's **cPanel** hosting server.
- Studied PHP in my spare time and also learned how to code (x)HTML and CSS to a very high level.
- Active member of the **CSS-Discuss** and **Web Standards Group** mailing lists.
- **Simon O'Rourke's Tree Carving** - <http://www.tree-carving.co.uk> is a website I made for my brother's tree carving business. I used **Wordpress** and customised the PHP templates aswell as the CSS.
- **rodimus** - <http://www.rodimus.co.uk> - A superb covers band from Liverpool, this simple site uses some unusual CSS techniques.
- Integrated the company's CMS into existing business management software, in particular **Industry Software Ltd** - <http://www.industrysoftware.co.uk>'s **CustomerFocus**.
- Industry Software Ltd's own website uses an e-commerce template I created.
- Created a variety of e-commerce and brochure templates using Versatilia's bespoke CMS currently dubbed 'quicksite'.
- **The Italian Property Gallery** - <http://www.italianpropertygallery.com> - A website made on a budget as a means of boosting traffic and **pagerank**. I succeeded in doing so in both of these areas seeing a 20% conversion rate of visitors to enquiries.
- **Versatilia Ltd**'s website consists of a couple of hand-coded pages I created to explain what the company does while the official site is developed. The pages use CSS to optimise the site for multiple media formats.

During my time here I have picked up some useful business experience and developed a firm grounding in web development and internet solutions.

2. COCKTAIL BARTENDER

(June 2004 - February 2005)

The Lansdown

8 Clifton Road
Bristol BS8 1AF
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I was trained by the manager in every aspect of a bartender's job from **mixology** to working the crowd and maintaining the community atmosphere that made The Lansdown such an enjoyable place to visit and work in. Within 3 months of employment I was a trusted member of the team and well-known by the regulars. I was regularly assigned to run the upstairs cocktail bar that was hired out for functions and parties such as the end-of-season parties hosted by the **BBC** for television shows such as Casualty and Flog It!

I gained a lot of self-confidence and improved upon my communication, sales and personal skills during my time there. I would have continued my employment but my priorities lay with my studies.

Education:

1. VIROLOGY AND IMMUNOLOGY BSC. WITH HONOURS

University Of Bristol - <http://www.bris.ac.uk>
(2002 - 2005)

Awarded Lower Second-Class Honours

The degree course I initially applied for was Pathology and Microbiology with a specialisation chosen in final year. I had a good understanding of genetics and so I chose Virology and Immunology, two topics heavily involved in genetic research.

I am still interested in the field of genetics and in particular the study of viruses, however, I opted against continuing my studies to develop my IT skills.

2. 3 A-LEVELS, 1 AS-LEVEL, 11 GCSEs

Chesterfield High School and Sixth Form - <http://www.chesterfieldhighschool.co.uk>
Chesterfield Road, Crosby, Liverpool
(1995 - 2002)

Level	Subject	Grade(s)
A-Level	Biology	A
	Chemistry	B
	Physics	B
AS-Level	Psychology	B
GCSE	A* to B	

Additional:

My website and portfolio are currently under construction.

References are available upon request.