

# SCOTT KENNETH JACKSON

After spending 18 years in the beer industry, I was unfortunately made redundant during the pandemic...twice! Rather than giving up or allowing myself to become overwhelmed, I instead viewed the situation as an opportunity to reassess my career path, to step out of my comfort zone and try something new. I had always been interested in technology, and as someone who enjoys a challenge, who is happiest when working through and solving complex problems, software engineering was an area which greatly appealed to me. I signed up to an online Coding Traineeship, where I was introduced to a wide range of programming languages and frameworks, completing two real-world projects as part of my final assessment. I am a bright, highly-motivated individual who loves a challenge, and who is currently on the lookout for entry-level opportunities within the coding and software development industry.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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## EDUCATION

**2021 – 2023**

**Codecademy**

Full-Stack Engineer Career Path; Learn jQuery; Learn Python 3; Learn PHP; Learn Java; Learn C#; Learn Vue.js; Learn Sass; Learn React; Learn Bootstrap;

**May 2022**

**Microsoft**

Microsoft Technology Associate: Introduction to Programming Using HTML and CSS – [view certification](#)

**2004 – 2008**

**Manchester Metropolitan University**

BA (Hons) Film and Media Studies, with Practice

## CODING TRAINEESHIP

**IT Career Switch**

**Oct 2020 – Nov 2022**

The course began by teaching the basic fundamentals of essential front-end coding languages: **HTML**, **CSS** and **JavaScript**, before moving on to more complex and challenging subjects. In Stage 2, I delved deeper into more specific front and back -end languages and technologies, completing modules and receiving certification in **Full Stack Engineering**, **jQuery**, **Python 3**, **PHP**, **Java** and **C#**. At the end of the course, I sat my **Microsoft 98-383: Introduction to Programming Using HTML and CSS** examination, becoming fully-certified as a **Microsoft Technology Associate**. Since graduating, I have continued to study independently, gaining further certification in the **React**, **Vue**, **Bootstrap** and **Sass** frameworks.

## **DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE**

Below are the briefs for two development projects which I completed for IT Career Switch. Links to these and additional projects can be found in my portfolio [here](#).

### **Portfolio Project #1: “Gazetteer”**

The brief was to reply to a website specification for a map-based app which provides information on countries with a focus on “mobile-first” development – preferably using a framework – and to develop HTML, CSS and JavaScript with jQuery modules that use PHP server-based components to source data from third-party APIs (Geonames, OpenWeather). The solution was assessed on its delivery to specification, its functionality, and its overall usability.

### **Portfolio Project #2: “Company Directory”**

A more rigorous reply to this specification was required as a user requirements document first needed to be prepared and submitted. Once this was signed off, SQL was released which allowed for the development of a “mobile first” application aimed at maintaining a company’s personnel database (MySQL). Project completion was authorised following the presentation of an independently-witnessed document providing confirmation of the system’s ability to perform effectively as intended, without error.

## **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

### **Hip Pop, Fulfilment and Packing Operator**

**Mar 2023 – present**

Responsible for picking and packing orders across the e-commerce, wholesale, distribution and export channels, liaising with customers and working inline with company traceability policies.

### **Indy Man Beer Con (IMBC), Festival Organiser**

**Oct 2015 – Nov 2022**

Responsible for maintaining relationships with brewers, acting as their main point of contact and working collaboratively to deliver a diverse, progressive and all-around exciting festival line-up.

### **Beatnikz Republic Brewing Co, Sales Manager**

**Aug 2021 – April 2022**

Responsible for identifying key opportunities across the on and off-trade, wholesale and export channels, negotiating deals to secure new business and working to maintain existing customer relationships.

### **Buxton Brewery Company, Sales Manager**

**Nov 2020 – Jul 2021**

Responsible for driving sales across the on and off-trade, wholesale and export channels, increasing the brewery’s customer base, and promoting webshop e-commerce through regular and active digital engagement.

### **James Clay & Sons, North West Account Manager**

**Dec 2018 – Oct 2020**

Responsible for driving sales through the on and off-trade channels, maintaining relationships with key accounts, providing customer support and dealing with any issues as they arose.

### **Common & Co, General Manager**

**Mar 2015 – Dec 2018**

Responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operation and development of the business, communicating with the team at Head Office and delivering in-depth forecasting and performance reports.