

# Chris Southon

## Junior Front-End Web Developer

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### Summary

Highly motivated and adaptable aspiring Front-End Developer with a strong foundation in HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Node.js, and React frameworks. Recently completed Level 2 qualifications in Understanding Climate Change and the Environment, and Equality and Diversity, demonstrating a commitment to sustainability and inclusivity. Possesses excellent communication, teamwork, and problem-solving skills honed through a successful career in the fast-paced restaurant industry. Eager to leverage transferable skills like leadership, critical thinking, and adaptability to contribute positively to a collaborative team. Currently pursuing Level 3 Diploma in Software Development while actively seeking a challenging role within the tech industry.

### Skills

- **Technical Skill**
  - HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript + ES6, jQuery, JSON
  - Bootstrap, Node.js, React.js, Next.js, Vue3, Firebase, Tailwind CSS
  - Git, GitHub, Trello, Slack, Figma, Google Analytics, DirectAdmin, WHMCS
  - Design, macOS, Windows, Chrome
- **Soft Skills**
  - Adaptability, Communication, Problem-solving, Creative thinking
  - Teamwork, Motivation, Positivity, Time management, Dependability
  - Social and People skills, Work ethic

### Experience

- **Remote Internship - Front-End Developer (Handy Services Ltd.)** | Sept 2023 - May 2024 [sevumi.com](https://sevumi.com)
  - Created responsive and accessible Terms & Privacy pages using Vue.js.
  - Implemented location autocomplete functionality using an API for enhanced user experience..
  - Integrated Google Translate API to provide service description translations in multiple languages.
  - Developed responsive navigation bars with a user-friendly dark mode toggle.
  - Built a peer-to-peer live chat using Firebase and Firestore for real-time communication.
- **Freelance Website Designer & Developer** | Nov 2021 - Nov 2024 [checkitdesignservices.com](https://checkitdesignservices.com)
  - Designed and built websites using HTML, CSS, and Bootstrap for various clients.
  - Provided ongoing website hosting using DirectAdmin and maintenance services.
- **Parenting break** | Aug 2017 - Nov 2021

### Previous Work Experience (Focus on transferable skills)

- **Sous Chef, Head Chef & Restaurant Owner** | Various Positions (Mar 1998 - Aug 2017)
  - Cultivated strong leadership, communication, and teamwork skills through managing kitchen operations and staff.

- Demonstrated exceptional problem-solving abilities in a fast-paced environment.
- Developed critical thinking and decision-making skills through menu planning, cost optimization, and resource management.

## Projects

- **KJP Plumbing** (Solo Project - Next.js)
  - Designed, built, and deployed a user-friendly website for a local plumber.
  - Implemented emails for contact form handling and Google Analytics for website traffic insights.
  - Live demo: <https://kjpplumbing.uk>
- **Find My Band** (Team Project)
  - Collaborated with a team of bootcamp developers to build a web application for music enthusiasts.
  - Responsibilities included constructing HTML elements, introducing Git version control to team members and researching API integration.
  - GitHub repository: <https://github.com/JayClay922/Find-My-Band>
  - Live demo: <https://jayclay922.github.io/Find-My-Band/index.html>
- **Password Generator** (Solo Project - HTML, CSS, JavaScript)
  - Developed a functional web application generating random passwords based on user-defined parameters.
  - GitHub repository: <https://github.com/Chriscds/Password-Generator>
  - Live demo: <https://chriscds.github.io/Password-Generator/index.html>

## Education

- **Skills for Life - EDX** | Nov 2022 - Mar 2023
  - Frontend Developer Bootcamp: Completed a comprehensive bootcamp program on front-end development fundamentals, API integration, and modern frameworks like React.js.
- **Highbury College, Portsmouth** | Sept 1996 - Jul 1998
  - NVQ Level 2 Professional Catering: Obtained a professional catering qualification, gaining a broad understanding of all aspects of kitchen operations.

## Awards

Level 2 in Equality & Diversity / Understanding Climate Change & Environmental Awareness

Level 1 in Employability Skills

Virtual Internships - Frontend Developer Certificate

Skills for Life - EDX - Bootcamp, Certificate in Frontend Web Development

Mental Health Awareness Certificate

Animation Design in Photoshop - Certificate of Achievement

BIIAB Level 2 Personal Licence Holder

Vacuum Packing and Atmospheric Pressure Certificate (FSA)

Food Allergy Training Certificate (FSA)

NVQ Level 2 Professional catering, Highbury College Portsmouth