

# Damien Thomas

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## Junior Full-Stack Web Developer

### Summary

Junior full-stack web developer and career-switcher with a strong foundation in modern web technologies, supported by structured training and hands-on project experience. I have completed a comprehensive Full-Stack Engineer programme with Codecademy, gaining practical experience designing, building, and deploying responsive, data-driven web applications using JavaScript, PHP, SQL, and modern frameworks.

With a professional background in education and public-sector roles, I bring excellent communication skills, strong problem-solving ability, and a disciplined, detail-oriented approach to my work. I am now seeking an entry-level or junior web developer role where I can contribute to real-world projects while continuing to develop my technical expertise within a collaborative development team.

### Technical Skills

#### **Languages:**

HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript (ES6+), PHP, SQL, Python, Java, C#

#### **Frameworks & Libraries:**

Bootstrap 5, jQuery, React, Node.js, Express.js

#### **Databases & APIs:**

MySQL, PostgreSQL, RESTful APIs, AJAX, JSON

#### **Tools & Practices:**

Git & GitHub, Responsive Design, MVC principles, CRUD applications, Form handling, Basic authentication

### Key Projects

**Gazetteer – Interactive World Explorer**

- Designed and developed a single-page web application allowing users to explore global country data via an interactive map
- Built using JavaScript, jQuery, PHP, Bootstrap, and Leaflet
- Integrated multiple third-party APIs to display country information, weather data, demographics, and points of interest
- Implemented AJAX-driven modals and responsive UI components
- Deployed and hosted as part of a public portfolio

### **Company Directory – CRUD Web Application**

- Developed a full CRUD web application for managing employees, departments, and locations
- Built with PHP, MySQL, JavaScript, jQuery, and Bootstrap
- Designed relational database schema with dependency and validation logic
- Implemented modal-based user interface with real-world business rules
- Focused on usability, data integrity, and maintainable code structure

## **Work History**

### **Co-Founder & Self-Employed Gardener**

#### **Independent Garden Maintenance Business**

01/2024 – Present

- Co-founded and currently run a small local service business, managing day-to-day operations alongside technical skill development.
- Responsible for planning work schedules, managing client enquiries, and delivering services to agreed standards and deadlines.
- Developed strong problem-solving skills by responding to changing requirements, unexpected issues, and customer-specific needs.
- Applied a structured, methodical approach to work planning and execution, ensuring efficiency, consistency, and quality outcomes.
- Demonstrated self-motivation, accountability, and time management while balancing business responsibilities with ongoing technical training in web development.
- Experience working independently and collaboratively, communicating clearly with clients to understand requirements and deliver appropriate solutions.

### **Groundsman**

#### **Vale of Glamorgan Council**

05/2021 – 12/2023

- Work within a structured local authority environment, meeting strict schedules and quality standards
- Demonstrated reliability, organisation, and attention to detail across varied tasks
- Operated independently while coordinating effectively as part of a wider team

### **Gardener**

#### **Vale Garden Services**

08/2019 – 05/2021

- Delivered garden maintenance services for a wide range of clients across the Vale of Glamorgan
- Required strong time management, customer service, and problem-solving skills
- Managed physically demanding workloads while maintaining a high standard of work

**Learning Support Teacher**  
**Cadoxton Primary School**

09/2018 – 07/2019

- Supported teachers across all year groups to deliver structured and effective lessons
- Assisted in meeting the individual learning needs of pupils within the classroom
- Helped maintain a positive and inclusive learning environment
- Worked closely with teaching staff to ensure lessons met requirements
- Demonstrated strong communication and organisational skills in a classroom setting

**Supply Primary School Teacher / Teaching Assistant**  
**TeacherActive**

01/2017 – 07/2018

- Delivered lessons across multiple primary schools in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan
- Completed long-term teaching placements as a Year 2 and Year 4 class teacher
- Planned and delivered engaging lessons in line with the national curriculum
- Organised and led after-school sports clubs, including football and rugby
- Supported pupils with special educational, emotional, and behavioural needs within an SEN unit
- Assisted in preparing students for transition into mainstream secondary education

**Special Educational Needs Support**  
**Thornhill Primary School**

09/2014 – 07/2016

- Supported pupils aged 7–11 with a range of special educational needs
- Developed and implemented tailored learning strategies to meet individual targets
- Assisted pupils in achieving both personal and curriculum-based objectives
- Built strong communication and behavioural management skills in a challenging environment
- Adapted quickly to changing classroom situations and individual student needs
- Organised and led after-school sports clubs, contributing to school participation in local competitions

**Supply Primary School Teacher / Teaching Assistant**  
**MPS Education**

09/2013 – 07/2014

- Worked across multiple schools in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan as a supply teacher and teaching assistant
- Delivered lessons and supported classroom activities across a range of age groups
- Completed a long-term placement in a Special Educational Needs support role
- Built strong adaptability by working in varied school environments
- Developed classroom management, communication, and organisational skills
- Developed and implemented tailored learning strategies to meet individual targets

**Education and Training**

**IT Career Switch Full-Stack Engineer Programme**

**Codecademy: Online Course**

07/2024 - 01/2026

- Frontend development with HTML, CSS, and JavaScript
- Modern frameworks including React, Node.js, and Express
- Backend development, APIs, and relational databases using SQL

- Version control and development best practices

**Postgraduate Certificate in Education: Primary Education**

**Swansea Metropolitan University:** *Mount Pleasant, Swansea SA1 6ED*

09/2012 – 07/2013

**2:2 LLB Law**

**University of Glamorgan:** *Llantwit Road, Treforest, Pontypridd CF37 1DL*

09/2007 – 07/2010

## Additional Strengths

- Strong self-motivated and disciplined learner with proven ability to retrain professionally
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Highly organised, punctual, and reliable
- Comfortable working independently or collaboratively within a team environment
- Strong attention to detail and commitment to continuous improvement

## References

References are available upon request.

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