

**Khadidja
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Personal statement

I am a motivated career-switcher currently training as a full-stack developer on the IT Switch Career – Full Stack Developer course. After completing a Certificate in Cybersecurity in 2023, I moved into web development and now focus on building data-driven, responsive applications using HTML, CSS, JavaScript, PHP and MySQL. My background in care, customer service and administration has given me strong communication skills, empathy and the ability to stay organised and calm under pressure. I am looking for a junior web developer role where I can continue learning while contributing to real projects.

Key Skills

- Front-end: HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript (ES6+), Bootstrap, responsive design
- Back-end: PHP, MySQL (MySQLi), REST-style APIs
- Tools: Git & GitHub, XAMPP, browser dev tools
- Soft skills: problem-solving, attention to detail, teamwork, time management
- Communication: clear written and spoken communication; able to explain technical ideas simply
- Languages: English, Arabic and French (fluent)

Education/Qualifications

- IT Switch Career – Full Stack Developer course — 2024–Present
- Certificate in Cybersecurity, Netcom Training — 2023
- Marketing and Management, University College Birmingham — 2020
- Groupie scolaire Al Kindi decines – Managements Marketing an Laws (A level First class),France
- College Pierre Valdo – Marketing and administration law GCSE , France

PROJECTS

GeoNames API Web Application

HTML, CSS, JavaScript, PHP, GeoNames API, GitHub, InfinityFree

- Built a web application that lets users look up geographical information such as countries, postal codes and coordinates.
- Used PHP to call the GeoNames API and return JSON data, then displayed results dynamically in the UI.
- Focused on clean layout, clear data presentation and basic error handling.

Gazetteer — World Country Explorer

HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript (ES6+), jQuery, Leaflet.js, Bootstrap 5, PHP 8, OpenWeather, OpenCage, Open Exchange Rates, REST Countries, NewsData.io

- Developed an interactive world map that allows users to explore country information, weather, time, currency, news and points of interest.
- Integrated multiple third-party APIs and combined their responses into a single, easy-to-use interface with Leaflet.js.
- Implemented features such as reverse geocoding, earthquake and POI overlays, and a responsive layout for desktop and mobile.

Company Directory Web Application

HTML5, Bootstrap 5, JavaScript, jQuery, PHP, MySQL (MySQLi), Apache/XAMPP

- Created a company directory to manage personnel, departments and locations with full CRUD functionality.
- Designed a relational MySQL schema and wrote PHP endpoints returning JSON for the front end.
- Implemented validation and integrity checks so that departments and locations cannot be deleted while still in use.
- Deployed the application to shared hosting and configured the production database connection.

Employment History

Support Worker – Raustn Care, UK

July 2021 – January 2023

- Supported vulnerable adults with daily living, including medication, budgeting, shopping and household tasks.
- Adapted communication style to individual needs and built trusting relationships.
- Worked collaboratively with colleagues and external professionals to maintain a safe, person-centred environment.

Catering Support – Unitemps, UK

December 2020 – June 2021

- Assisted in busy kitchen environments, maintaining hygiene standards and cleaning schedules.
- Organised stock, handled deliveries and ensured work areas remained safe and tidy.

Hobbies and interest

I've grown my passion and interest in handball over the last five years. I began my handball hobby by playing for a local team before being selected by France Coaches to play for City of Lyon, France, where I have been since 2011. I have proven to be a dedicated team player while also assisting my team in developing their handball skills. I am excited to join Birmingham's handball team and pursue my passion.

I am also involved in charity work and participate in events to raise funds for the poor and needy. I believe that everyone deserves to be helped and treated equally.

I like going to the movies and watching thrillers with my friends and my family once a week.

References

Available on request