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Freelance photographer & mental health NGO worker gone **font-end developer**. Continuously developing through personal projects, online courses and open-source. Quality-oriented, focused on details, well-organised, prioritising tasks effectively. Taking pride in clear, high-quality communication and finding solutions to problems.

PROGRAMMING

- JavaScript
- React
- CSS
- HTML
- TypeScript
- SQL
- Basics of C, Python

LIBRARIES

- React Query
- React Router
- TailwindCSS
- SCSS
- Material UI
- Framer Motion
- Basics of Node.js, Express

TESTING

- Cypress
- Playwright
- Jest / Vitest
- React Testing Library
- SoapUI
- Postman
- Bugzilla

UTILITIES

- Git
- Jira
- Adobe
- Canva
- Figma
- Astro.build
- Basics of MongoDB, Google Apps Script

EDUCATION

2014 – 2019 Jewish Studies

MA - University of Warsaw

BA - Jagiellonian University, Cracow

2010 – 2016 International Relations / Strategic Studies

MA and BA - Jagiellonian University, Cracow

(Master's thesis on cyberterrorism)

Notable on-line courses:

- Epic React (from basics to architecture, performance and testing)
- Harvard CS50 (algorithmic thinking, problem solving, basics of C, Python, SQL)
- Bootcamp JavaScript freeCodeCamp (basics of functional and object oriented programming)
- Testing JavaScript with Kent C Dodds (Jest, React Testing Library)
- Frontend Masters – The Last Algorithms Course You'll Need
- MasterClass Software Testing with Jira & Agile (testing methodology, work & testing in agile environment, Jira, XRay, Bugzilla)

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- **Soft skills and abilities:** open, inclusive communication; thoughtful question-asking; listening to and supporting others; creating and documenting processes; striving to be well-organised; task prioritisation; helping in non-judgemental way; being on time; exploring and learning new tools; noticing and understanding possibilities and limitations, finding solutions fitted to them
- **Languages:** Polish (native), English (C1), Hebrew (A2), German (A2), Yiddish (A2)
- **Interests:** Building healthy relationships, making world a better place, my dog, video games, photography, collage-making, „Twin Peaks” and „Star Wars”

WORK EXPERIENCE

Photographer – freelancer www.jaceksmoter.com

2009 – Now

- Specialise in event and documentary photography, and focus on forming and maintaining strong client

relationships. Ensure client satisfaction by understanding their needs, creating photographs on-site or in the studio, providing post-production services in close collaboration with the client, and delivering final products with feedback collection.

Warszawski Dom pod Fontanną

Feb 2020 – Aug 2022

Generalist at a Clubhouse - a self-help facility supporting people living with mental illness

- Provided emotional and practical support to Clubhouse members on their journey towards healing and independence, while researching resources available in their environment.
- Co-created and empowered community initiatives through facilitating meetings and building meaningful relationships.
- Represented Clubhouse as a panelist at the World Clubhouse Seminar 2021.
- Provided technical support to the organisation and its members, played a key role in transitioning to a new remote approach during the COVID-19 pandemic to maintain community strength and support for its members.

LoveKraków.pl

2012 – 2014

Photojournalist and head of photography department

- Managed a team of up to five photojournalists, delegated tasks, and oversaw photography production. Made creative, editorial, and conceptual decisions to ensure the delivery of high-quality content within the expected timeframe.