# philwelsh ___
## Designer. Developer.

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## About.

Versatile Front-end developer with 5+ years experience. (Adobe, HTML,CSS,JS) working from design and conception through development, responsive and WCAG. Worked with multiple CMS, libraries and frameworks.
2+ years working in modern React/Redux.
in small and large companies/teams, using version control, working remotely and/or with remote teams.
British Expat with PR, no sponsorship required. Also speaks Mandarin Chinese.

## Hobbies and Personal.

I grew up inspired by and making games and animations, leading to studying Creative Digital Media at university, moving into web design and quickly picking up front end development and related skills.

I enjoy staying active, being social, learning, teaching, drawing, designing, developing, traveling, gaming, language, and animation.

I like projects that I can challenge myself with, and the satisfaction of building something fun, usefull or interesting and finding ways to add value using UX, design, creativity and my own knowledge and experiences to develop new things, to educate, entertain, and improve user experiences.

## Education and Skills.

**Degree:**
Teesside University,
Creative Digital Media (BA) 2006-2010

**Languages:**
English: native,
Mandarin Chinese: fluent (HSK5)

**Code/Related:**
HTML, SCSS, JS, Ts, JSS, React-Redux/ Recoil/Context, Gatsby/Next, GraphQL, SQL, Postgres, Node, Git, Bitbucket, JIRA. Various CMS

**Design:**
Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, XD, 3dsMax, Zbrush

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## Work Experience.

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### Front End React Developer — Royal Conservatory of Music

- Lead and sole developer of rebuild of existing customer systems in React, using DrupalCMS and existing angular backend.
- Autonomy in libraries/methodologies, a11y and performance improvements.
- Nextjs, Ts, MaterialUI, React-hook-form, fullcalendar, testing-library, linting
- Absorbed outsourced design into my role, set up authentication, planned merge into existing code to allow gradual replacement.

**May 2019 -July 2020**

### Front End React Developer — Control Gap

- Designed company website, internal software and promotional material, responsible for implementing and improving design and UX of all apps and websites.
- Developed website and software using JAM stack and modern React. Implemented CMS and CI pipeline using gatsby, netlifyCMS and bitbucket.

**Sept 2016 - Dec 2018**

### Web Developer / Web & Graphic Designer — Freelance

- Sought out and pitched directly to clients, worked contract and freelance for any design or development needs.
- Designed and branded products, websites, festivals, events, services/products.
- Represented several companies at conferences including TechCrunch SZ.
- Advised and initiated new strategies such as developing social media. presence/campaigns, working crowdfunding campaigns, connecting professionals and setting up an intern scheme.
- Companies included: Innotrik, Netvue, Borderless Education, Bevex.

**Mar 2015 - Mar 2016**

### Web Developer — Bede Gaming

- Updated existing company sites to be functional, fast & responsive for a CMS built on .NET framework.
- Worked with multiple remote teams on large-scale projects.
- Bridged gap between marketing and development teams.
- Created marketing materials, Facebook and HTML banner adverts, and email campaigns, removing the need for outsourced work.
- Led the design and development of new branch site.

**Nov 2014 - Mar 2015**

### Front End Designer/Developer — ne.web

- Communicated and pitched web and graphic designs to clients.
- Created wireframes, mockups, coded bespoke websites with Drupal CMS.

**Jan 2011 -Aug 2013**

### English Language Teacher — Schools in China

- Taught ESL in schools in China.
- Quickly gained responsibilities like managing the regional foreign teachers and arranging talks and performances for my schools.