

# Andy Friel

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## Personal Profile

A dedicated and enthusiastic individual who enjoys learning and extending his knowledge, especially in furthering his technical skills, with a passion for both web programming and design. Successful experience working both alone and as part of a larger team, whether it be in education, the workplace or on international projects. Ambitious and constantly trying to challenge himself. Always open to new ideas and approaches, stemming from an ability to take critique well and constructively, learnt from sharing work with colleagues in the aim to better the work produced and to gain new perspective.

## Education

**BA Interactive Multimedia - First-Class Honours**  
**University of Huddersfield (2007 – 2011)**

Relevant modules include: Advanced Web Programming, Advanced Visual Design, Intermediate Authoring, Introduction to Video, Time-Based Media and Professional Skills.

Included a 12 month placement at Kirklees Council. Awarded two prizes during the final year of study: 'Best Interactive Multimedia Experience' for team-project CityScout, (MyCityScout.info), and a prize for 'Best Overall Performance on the Final Year Project of a Multimedia Course' for a conference smartphone application built as part of the dissertation project.

**2000 – 2007**

**Bishop Walsh RC School and Sixth Form**

A Levels:

- Mathematics - **A**
- History - **B**
- Chemistry - **C**

GCSEs

- Achieved 12 GCSEs grades A\* - C including English, Biology, Chemistry and Physics, and A\* grades in Mathematics, History and Religious Education.

## Key Skills

- XHTML / HTML5
- CSS 3
- PHP
- Javascript
- iPhone/Android development with Appcelerator Titanium
- MySQL / MS SQL
- JQuery
- Actionsript 2 and 3
- ASP .NET (C#)
- MVC Frameworks
- Wordpress
- CodeIgniter
- Adobe Photoshop
- Adobe Illustrator
- Adobe Dreamweaver
- Adobe Premiere
- Adobe After Effects
- Adobe InDesign
- Adobe Flash
- Scrum

## Employment

### Freelance Web Developer, Various Projects

- **LeakyCon 2011 iOS and Android App** - Built with Appcelerator Titanium. Entered the top 100 US apps and was featured as a 'New and Noteworthy' travel app. Included the development of an admin website using PHP and MySQL.
- **LeakyCon 2012** - Wordpress website built around existing design, (launching soon at LeakyCon.com), and a JQuery countdown page optimised for both desktop and mobile devices, (available at LeakyCon.com/Countdown).
- **Maureen Johnson's Tumblr** (available at MaureenJohnsonBooks.tumblr.com) - HTML/CSS tumblr theme built from an existing design for best-selling, young adult author Maureen Johnson.
- **LeakyNews.com** - Wordpress website built around an existing design, including PHP development for additional navigation and featured-posts functionality.

### July 2011 – Present

#### PHP Web Developer, The Sixth Form College - Solihull

- Working within an existing Interactive Learner Planner to streamline a number of existing paper-processes within the college.
- Adapting an extensive, bespoke MVC site to meet the needs of various clients while allowing appropriate admin control and ease-of-use for the end user.
- Required to evaluate existing procedures and determine how these could be best translated to an online system.

### July 2009 – July 2010

#### Web Development Student, Kirklees Council

- Worked on a variety of products, many of which had tight deadlines or required constant adaption due to changing legislation on national levels.
- Lead meetings with clients and was praised for keeping an ongoing communication during projects.
- Completed work alone and as part of a larger team, while always managing time and work effectively.
- Began to approach work thinking more from a user's perspective.

## Interests/Hobbies

I enjoy socialising with friends as well as meeting new people. I am an avid reader, (usually reading a book, or more, a week), and I constantly look for new authors and genres to experience and enjoy. I am also a keen member of several online communities, (from which stemmed my working relationship with LeakyCon), where I enjoy engaging in discussions while meeting new and interesting people. I hold an enthusiastic interest for technological developments, specifically web-based and computer technologies. My hobbies also include running and I am a fan of travelling, fascinated by visiting new locations on a regular basis, having visited many cities for the first time in the past few years, including New York, Barcelona and Edinburgh.

## References

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