

## ASHLEY SIMONS

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### OBJECTIVE

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Find a role with varied responsibilities and be supported to do my best work.

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### EDUCATION

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| <b>Diploma of Software Development</b> – <i>“Keeping busy coding”</i>          | <b>TAFE SA</b>                    |
| ✓ Branched out from Python course to learn Django                              | Feb 2019 – Nov 2020               |
| ✓ Recent completion of units in HTML+CSS and JavaScript                        |                                   |
| ✓ Tried making beautiful software in XAML/C#                                   |                                   |
| ✓ Console and Android applications with Java                                   |                                   |
| <br><b>Certificate 4 in IT Web Sites</b> – <i>“A bit old, I know”</i>          | <b>Adelaide Institute of TAFE</b> |
| ✓ Approached work with critical thinking and analysis                          | 2008 – 2009                       |
| ✓ Compared practices on reputable industry blogs against TAFE supplied content |                                   |

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### WORK EXPERIENCE

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| <b>Punt Club</b> – <i>“Love me some JavaScript”</i>                                      | <b>Developer</b>                                       |
| ✓ Maintenance of a React Native Android app  | Jul 2020 – Sep 2020                                    |
| ✓ The occasional modern JavaScript or Redux contribution                                 | <a href="http://puntclub.com">puntclub.com</a>         |
| ✓ Good bug catching  |  |
| <br><b>Punt Club</b> – <i>“Good to be working again”</i>                                 | <b>Developer</b>                                       |
| ✓ Filled in whilst they looked for a new CTO   | Dec 2017 – Apr 2018                                    |
| ✓ Looking after support and deployments  | <a href="http://puntclub.com">puntclub.com</a>         |
| ✓ Managing of subcontractors   |  |
| ✓ Proposed an accepted major implementation strategy                                     |  |
| <br><b>Hostworks</b> – <i>“Large team and pond”</i>                                      | <b>Developer</b>                                       |
| ✓ Happy clients and successful UX  | Mar 2016 – Mar 2017                                    |
| ✓ Good exposure to PHP/Laravel   | <a href="http://hostworks.com.au">hostworks.com.au</a> |
| ✓ Working with a large team of more varied opinions                                      |  |
| ✓ Intro to video streaming concepts, React Native and Go                                 |  |
| <br><b>Punt Club</b> – <i>“Handling that start-up stress and creativity”</i>             | <b>CTO</b>   |
| ✓ Product leadership and development   | Mar 2012 – Mar 2016                                    |
| ✓ Agile/TDD style redevelopment of platform in PHP/Symfony                               | <a href="http://puntclub.com">puntclub.com</a>         |
| ✓ Setup load balanced Amazon Web Services environment                                    |  |
| ✓ DevOps initiatives (builds, monitoring)  |  |
| ✓ Led native mobile JavaScript app in Appcelerator                                       |  |
| <br><b>2moro mobile</b> – <i>“Found my place in product development”</i>                 | <b>Software Developer</b>                              |
| ✓ Strong PHP software development principles   | Mar 2011 – Jan 2012                                    |
| ✓ Positive influence on the project lead after returning from Ruby                       |  |
| ✓ Survived redundancies of two seniors and three juniors                                 |  |
| ✓ Exposure to deployment/build tools, peer code review and basic agile scrum methodology |  |

- ✓ **Iugo** – “Glad to be with a code only team”  
Bug fixing of existing custom systems  
Customer service in support role  
Created my own time tracking application  
Development of custom modules for a heavily object oriented CMS  
Obtained Zend PHP5 Certification during personal development time

**Web Developer**  
April 2010 – Jan 2011  
[iugo.com.au](http://iugo.com.au)

- ✓ **Expanded Graphics** – “Wearing every hat”  
Learnt additional technologies for projects (ActionScript3, Joomla, Wordpress)  
Created ordering system for Real Estate signage company  
Learnt to raise concerns early and communicate with clients  
System Administration (setting up a Linux server with software raid)  
Adobe suite knowledge and design skills

**Web Developer**  
Feb 2009 – April 2010  
[expandedgraphics.com.au](http://expandedgraphics.com.au)

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## QUALIFICATIONS

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- ✓ **PHP5 Zend Certified Engineer** – “Wait, not PHP7?”  
Passed first attempt

**Zend Technologies Ltd**  
2010

- ✓ **SA Certificate of Education (SACE)** – “Survived”  
Used two community studies units to practice PHP and graphic design  
Taught Dreamweaver to others in Information Processing and Publishing  
Started web design business during business subject

**Ross Smith Secondary**  
2006 – 2007

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## PRIMARY SKILLS

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Software Development, JavaScript(React, Redux, Node.js, Sails.js), HTML, CSS, Testing

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## SECONDARY SKILLS

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System Administration, Design, UX, OBS video production

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## FEATURED PROJECT

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- ✓ **Slow Cool Chinese:** [slow.cool](http://slow.cool)  
Slow Cool Chinese is a platform to augment language learning videos. It is built in Node.js, React and Redux. I recently deployed this on DigitalOcean and am about to start talking to mandarin teachers to push out some more features.

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## EXPERIMENTS

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- ✓ **Journwake:** Early stage 2020 personal project using Redux [ashleysimons.net/journwake](http://ashleysimons.net/journwake)
- ✓ **Mage House:** A classic RPG game demo built in raw JavaScript [ashleysimons.net/game](http://ashleysimons.net/game)
- ✓ **Remindrr:** An Electron.js app that reminds you on repeat [youtu.be/jcxVQGVLYKE](https://youtu.be/jcxVQGVLYKE)
- ✓ **TAFE:** C# work from 2019 [youtu.be/KCo1JYHuAPo](https://youtu.be/KCo1JYHuAPo)
- ✓ **React Adelaide:** My talk on Sails.js and React.js [youtu.be/JogAFcdQgho](https://youtu.be/JogAFcdQgho)

Code samples available upon request