

# Simon Exton

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## Personal statement

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Graduate from Sessions College, degree in Web Applications, Development and Visual Design Fundamentals.

Back-end developer with a good eye for design, working on projects from inception through to completion including scope, planning, design, development and beyond

Builds Content Management Systems which are intuitive for clients and websites which produce a great user experience

Passion for digital art and content creation

## Key Skills

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- CSS / LESS / SASS
- HTML5
- PHP / MySQL
- JQuery / Javascript
- Theme development in WordPress
- Prestashop E-commerce development
- Photoshop / Illustrator
- Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal

## Employment History

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### Freelance Web Design / Developer (October 2017 – Present)

#### Senior Web Developer, Chalk & Ward, Exeter (March 2017 – October 2017)

- Overseeing all aspects of putting sites from dev to live through staging accounts on the server.
- Development of websites in WordPress from layouts sent through from the graphic design team. Examples can be provided.
- Mobile UX consultancy and development for existing client sites.

#### Freelance (December 2008 – March 2017)

- Latest project for <http://www.hillsidedesign.co.uk> this project involved a responsive development from PSD's sent through from the design team. My job involved completely hand coding the design, layout and JavaScript functions to the exact requirements in the brief. The site also incorporates a custom CMS which I built using PHP and MySQL.
- My portfolio is available here: <https://www.simonexton.co.uk>

#### Scope Communications, Totnes (August 2006 – December 2007)

- Setup and launch of a new logistics and distribution business.
- Complete development of an E-commerce website.
- Other duties included training of staff to use the admin side of the website.

### **Photo Memento, Paignton** (September 2005 – June 2006)

- Helping to launch a new business in sublimation printing.
- Development of the website.
- Learning and understanding of colour profiles for the sublimation process.

### **Paradise Hammocks, Paignton** (August 2004 – September 2005)

- Maintaining the hammock website ensuring all bugs were fixed promptly.
- Search engine optimization.
- Processing of credit card details and packing of orders ready to be sent out.

### **Photo Topic, Swindon** (Feb 1997 – April 2002)

- Project for English National Heritage to develop an interactive CD ROM
- Technical Support and sales
- Computer Management
- Electronics Modifications

### **Travelling** (November 1994 – January 1996)

I spent time snowboarding on the south island of New Zealand, did some telemarketing and charity work in Australia then went onto Bali in Indonesia and cycled around the island with a friend.

## **Education**

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### **Sessions School of Design** (February 2007 – June 2009)

Degree in: Visual Design Fundamentals, Web Coding and Web Software.

### **Swindon College** (September 1991 – September 1994)

Higher National Diploma (HNC) Computer Studies; passed with a Distinction.

### **The Commonweal, Swindon** (1986 – September 1991)

8 GCSEs, grade A-C, including Maths and English

## **Hobbies & Interests**

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I enjoy photography and have a flickr account. Going for walks or cycling down the River Dart where I live. Recently I have been getting into watching the Adobe live stream tutorials and learning about new design techniques. Socialising with friends and family.

## References (available upon request)

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