



# Steven Kidd

FULL STACK WEB DEVELOPER / SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR

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## Profile

A highly motivated and experienced Full Stack Web Developer / System Administrator with over 6 years of experience in designing, developing, and maintaining complex web applications, IT systems. as well as designing and implementing secure and scalable IT systems, with a strong background in network and security technologies.

Possesses excellent problem-solving and teamwork skill set, and a commitment to staying up-to-date with the latest technologies and industry trends. Seeking a challenging and dynamic role where skills and experience can be utilised to deliver high-quality innovative solutions and drive business growth.

Displaying a comprehensive skill set in web design, demonstrating proficiency in HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and a wealth of experience in applying UI/UX principles as well as other areas. My portfolio serves as a testament to my capability to craft visually captivating and user-centric websites, While having a strong aptitude for discerning client requirements and translating them into practical design solutions.

Experience has taught me that the number of programming/scripting languages I have mastered or the specific frameworks I have used is not as important as my ability to quickly and effectively upskill. I have the enthusiasm, ambition, and drive to always keep improving and delivering exceptional results, no matter what new challenges I may face.

🔗 Project / code examples available here.  
( <https://stevenkidd.me/#projects> )

## Abilities

<b>Skills</b>	Responsive Design, Cross-Browser Development, Basic SEO Principles, Software Troubleshooting, Wireframing
<b>Coding / Scripting</b>	HTML5, CSS, SCSS / SASS, SVG, JavaScript, Wireframing, PHP, Python, MySQL, T-SQL, LaTeX, XML, C++
<b>CMS</b>	Typo3 - Fluid Template Engine / TypoScript, Moodle, Hugo, WordPress, Magento
<b>Language</b>	English, Norsk (nb-NO) (CEFR - B2)

## Education

<b>University of the West of Scotland</b> BSC INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	<i>Hamilton</i> 2010 - 2011
<b>Motherwell College</b> HND SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT	<i>Motherwell</i> 2009 - 2010
<b>Motherwell College</b> HNC COMPUTING	<i>Motherwell</i> 2008 - 2009

## Andy Kidd Counselling

WEB DEVELOPER

Glasgow, G2 6LL

MAY 2019 - JUN 2022

- Operation and administration of Linux (Debian) based web server running TYPO3.
- Designed and developed a fully responsive TYPO3 template from scratch. Ensuring user-friendly interface and functionality over multiple devices.
- Implemented best practice, accessibility and SEO Strategy.
- Responsible for availability, maintainability of the web server as well as a minor role of managing content.
- Conducting routine maintenance, ensuring website functionality, and performance while also addressing any technical issues promptly.

## The Xact Group Limited

FULL STACK WEB DEVELOPER / SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR

Bellshill, ML4 1AB

DEC 2011 - MAR 2017

- Designed, developed, launched and maintained multiple TYPO3 based websites and Moodle based employee training system both front and back end to meet specific client requirements.
- Integrated custom analytics into TYPO3 (PIWIK now Matomo) in order to give a better insight into how users were using the site, which helped in optimising user experience and engagement.
- Used version control and remote code changes (GitLab) for efficient code management and collaboration with other developers.
- Operation and administration of Linux (Debian), Firewall (pfSense) having experience with configuring routers, switches, as well routing network infrastructure and Microsoft Windows server (SBS 2003 R2) to ensure the smooth running of every aspect of system in place.
- Responsible for availability, maintainability and scalability of systems such as centralised management of settings (Group Policy), updates on network computers (WSUS), monitoring of systems (ICINGA) and maintenance of the backup solution (BareOS) as well as storing the tapes offsite, ensuring that the systems are always up and running with minimal downtime.
- Application maintenance and tuning of CRM Systems (SageCRM / vTiger) as well as writing some custom modules for vTiger, that streamlined the internal sales prospecting process, increasing sales efficiency and customer satisfaction.
- Produced reports for senior management as well as in depth site statistics on site usage for partner clients, providing insights that led to data-driven decision-making.
- Conducted research and analysed data to support strategic decision-making for various aspects of tasks mentioned above, leading to informed decisions.
- Liaised with internal management and external IT consultants to assist in the upgrade and maintenance of printers and phones, resulting in the availability of well-maintained equipment.
- Provided hardware management and assistance for current equipment used by other employees, reducing downtime and increasing productivity.
- Overall, these actions led to efficient, streamlined systems, increased sales, better decision-making, and a smooth-running work environment.

## Thermsaver Heating Solutions

WEB ADMINISTRATOR

Bellshill, ML4 3LR

FEB 2011 - JUNE 2011

- Regularly updated and maintained product listings on Magento site, ensuring accurate and current information.
- Crafted compelling product descriptions with a focus on SEO optimisation to enhance online visibility.
- Utilised Magento's content management system to upload product images, videos, and detailed specifications.
- Took product photos or source high-quality images that highlight key features by contacting the manufacturer.
- Optimised visual content for online platforms, ensuring consistency in style and branding.
- Managed eBay listings, optimising titles, descriptions, and pricing for maximum visibility.
- Provided excellent customer service, address queries promptly getting technical answers from qualified staff then relaying that information to the customer, thus maintain positive feedback.
- Developed engaging content with help from qualified staff for the WordPress blog, aligning with the brand's personality and audience.
- Utilised SEO best practices to increase blog visibility and drive traffic to the Magento site.

## Aspire Recruitment

WEB PROGRAMMER

Hamilton, ML3 6BU

MAR 2010 - JUNE 2010

- Initial troubleshooting of problem lead to construction of a Section/Category System to allow mirroring of the Joomla content system.
- Built Site System to allow the quick and easy addition or modification of multiple Joomla instances, over multiple domains and multiple systems.
- Users of the system submit content and wait for approval, when approved content is syndicated to one or more Joomla instances.
- Content can be modified, re-synchronised, or deleted from the Site System.

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## Extracurricular Activity

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### Home Firewall

PFSENSE

MAR 2017 - PRESENT

I originally utilised these technologies in my work environment for securing and managing corporate networks. I then incorporated these skills into my personal life by creating a mini network rack that features pfSense with Snort and pfBlockerNG plugins, along with a small switch with a keystone panel and a wireless access point. This has allowed me to bring my work expertise into my home, providing me with the opportunity to continuously hone and refine my skills in this area.

### Bluetooth, RFID and NFC System Security

PROXMARK, UBERTOOTH

JUN 2015 - PRESENT

I have a deep interest in RFID, NFC and Bluetooth system security, I own an original Proxmark as well as a later revision, a small collection of access cards and a Ubertooth, which I use to further my knowledge and skills in this area. I occasionally experiment with these tools to better understand the security implications of such technologies and try to stay up to date with the latest knowledge and advancements in this field.

### Amateur Game Development

UNREAL ENGINE

APR 2022 - PRESENT

In my leisure time, I engage in my interest of computer games by utilising Unreal Engine attempting to create small games, further enhancing my abilities in areas such as 3D graphics, logic, and programming.

### Minecraft Server

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OCT 2021 - PRESENT

I run a small Minecraft server, where I apply my IT skills in setup, maintenance and backups, ensuring the smooth operation of the server and protection of player data, highlighting my commitment to responsible and efficient technology management.