ZANE MORRIS-STEWART

Cybersecurity | Web Development | Software Testing & Data Operations

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I am moving into cybersecurity with a background in web application development, software testing, IT support, television data operations and business administration. I enjoy investigating how systems work, identifying faults and finding practical solutions. My previous roles have developed my critical thinking, attention to detail, information handling and ability to communicate with technical and non-technical teams. I am building my knowledge of cybersecurity principles, networking, access control and risk management, and am looking to apply my existing technical and professional skills while developing practical experience within cybersecurity.

CORE SKILLS

Technical & digital — Web development, Next.js, Clerk authentication, Convex databases, APIs, Shadcn/Tailwind, GitHub, Vercel, version control, deployment and integration troubleshooting.

Analytical & investigative — Critical thinking, fault investigation, functional testing, bug reproduction, evidence gathering, problem-solving, systems thinking and attention to detail.

Data & operational — Data collection and logging, digital file management, accurate records, process documentation, confidentiality, compliance with internal procedures and project coordination.

Interpersonal — Stakeholder communication, cross-functional collaboration, decision-making, adaptability, prioritisation and explaining technical information to non-specialists.

Developing cybersecurity knowledge — Threats and vulnerabilities, risk assessment, networking, operating systems, authentication, access control, data protection principles and secure application design.

TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

Independent Web Developer | Zaney.dev
2023–2026

- Built and deployed web applications using Next.js, GitHub and Vercel, developing an understanding of how front-end, back-end and hosting components interact.
- Implemented user authentication with Clerk and back-end data features with Convex, gaining practical exposure to user identity, application data and authentication workflows.
- Integrated APIs and external services, applying systems thinking and logical troubleshooting to investigate application, integration and deployment issues.
- Used version control and iterative development to manage changes, address faults and maintain working applications.

Games Tester | Sony PlayStation
2016–2018

- Performed functional software and gameplay testing to identify faults, unexpected behaviour and inconsistencies.
- Applied analytical thinking, attention to detail and systematic investigation to reproduce bugs and establish the conditions in which issues occurred.
- Documented reproducible findings clearly so that other team members could investigate faults and support resolution.

IT Support
2016

- Investigated hardware and software faults, using logical troubleshooting to identify causes and practical solutions.
- Supported users with everyday technical issues, adapting explanations to different levels of technical knowledge.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Executive Assistant to Director | Gray Pearl Property Consultancy

London | Jun 2025 – Feb 2026

- Provided executive and operational support, coordinating project priorities, communications, meetings and actions across a client-facing consultancy.
- Handled business information with discretion and maintained organised documentation and records, demonstrating confidentiality, accuracy and responsible information handling.
- Prepared briefing materials and communications, translating requirements into clear actions and supporting informed decision-making.
- Managed schedules, travel and logistics independently, adapting to changing priorities and tracking deadlines to reduce the risk of missed actions.

Business Development | The Heaven Company

Corporate Responsibility Consultancy | Feb 2024 – Apr 2025

- Researched organisations, industry sectors and potential partnerships, using critical thinking to evaluate information and identify relevant opportunities.
- Used project information and stakeholder feedback to identify priorities, track activity and support evidence-informed decisions.
- Prepared proposals, presentations and outreach communications, translating complex programme information into clear messages for different audiences.
- Coordinated cross-functional collaboration between businesses, education providers and industry partners, supporting programme and workshop delivery.
- Worked within a corporate responsibility setting, developing an appreciation of ethical awareness and the wider impact of business decisions.

Broadcast Television Production & Data Operations

Major UK broadcasters and production companies | 2021–2023

- Handled media ingest, digital file organisation, data logging and archive preparation, where attention to detail and the integrity of production information were essential.
- Maintained accurate records and followed established media workflows to support reliable access to production information across departments.
- Worked with editorial, technical, location and production teams, communicating workflow requirements and adapting to changing operational priorities.
- Coordinated logistics, contributor activity and production tasks, applying problem-solving, project management and time-critical decision-making.
- Worked within established production procedures, developing an understanding of how dependencies between people, systems and processes affect operational resilience.

Selected credits — Strictly Come Dancing – Editing Assistant / Data Wrangler; The Jonathan Ross Show – Archival & PASC Data Logging; Big Fat Quiz of the Year – Production Assistant; Glow Up and The Masked Singer – Production Runner.

HR Administrator – South East Region | Warburtons

Sep 2019 – Dec 2020

- Maintained employee records, recruitment and onboarding documentation and HR systems, with attention to accuracy, confidentiality and data protection awareness.
- Coordinated HR processes across multiple sites, following company procedures and supporting compliance and consistent information handling.
- Supported recruitment, interviews and candidate communications, prioritising tasks in a high-volume operational environment.
- Collaborated with management and internal teams to investigate and resolve queries, coordinate activity and maintain accurate information.
- Delivered borough outreach for the engineering apprenticeship programme, developing relationships with local communities and external partners.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Brand Ambassador | Sony / Oculus

2016–2018

- Demonstrated consumer gaming hardware and virtual reality products, translating technical concepts into accessible explanations for different audiences.
- Investigated and resolved setup and technical problems during demonstrations, adapting quickly to unexpected issues while maintaining a positive user experience.

Retail Experience | John Lewis & Waitrose

Previous experience

- Worked within large retail environments, following operational standards, communicating across departments and responding to customer needs.
- Developed practical problem-solving, situational awareness, attention to detail and the ability to prioritise tasks under pressure.

Independent Producer

Selected project-based experience

- Planned and delivered creative projects from concept through production, coordinating schedules, stakeholders and digital distribution.
- Applied project management, adaptable decision-making and cross-functional communication to manage interdependent tasks and changing requirements.

SELECTED WEB DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Zaney Sudoku | zaneysudoku.com — Puzzle platform with multiple Sudoku variants, daily puzzles and progress tracking; demonstrates logic-based problem-solving and application state management.

Paintris | paintris.vercel.app — Falling-block game incorporating colour mixing, chain scoring and multiple modes; demonstrates rule-based logic and interacting game systems.

Say More | saymoregame.com — Conversation card game with themed packs, depth settings and player turns; demonstrates interactive application logic and user-focused design.

Zaney Aquarium | zaneyaquarium.vercel.app — Puzzle game using rotation and sliding mechanics to guide fish home; demonstrates structured problem-solving and interconnected game mechanics.

YouTube MPC Sampler | youtubempc.vercel.app — Browser-based media sampling application designed for deployment through GitHub and Vercel; combines media workflows with web application development.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Cyber Security Level 3 — Cybersecurity training.

BA (Hons) Business & Media Cultures — University of Hertfordshire.

BTEC Level 3 – Teaching English as a Foreign Language

CURRENT LEARNING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Studying common threats, networking and operating-system fundamentals, authentication, access control and web application risks. Interested in application security, security operations and cyber risk. Next steps include practical security labs, Linux and networking practice, scripting and automation, and documented security reviews of my own web applications.