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Personal Profile

Full-stack developer with 5+ years of combined professional & startup experience from cybersecurity to research SaaS products to a crypto arbitrage bot. Strong expertise in Go (Golang), Laravel, Vue.js, and cloud infrastructure (AWS, Terraform, Kubernetes).

Education

Bachelor of Computer Science, First Class Honours
Queen's University, UK

Professional Experience

Cybersecurity Software Engineer Internship Year 📍 Rapid7, Belfast Office 2023-2024

- Developed distributed systems in Go & SpringBoot for credential storage & cloud log collection (Zoom, Proofpoint).
- Managed deployments using Jenkins, Spinnaker, Terraform (AWS), and Kubernetes.
- Helped lead the Belfast team (I was in a globally distributed team) post-layoffs, helping to onboard and train 3 new engineers.

Startup Experience

Co-founder & CTO Canvassr (<https://www.canvassr.org>) 2025

- I built a gig work platform to incorporate the door-to-door sales and fundraising industry into the gig economy using Laravel and PWA technology.
- Partnered with charities like Ulster Wildlife, Lighthouse NI, and People In Need Today.

Co-founder of Lightning Arbitrage Solutions (<https://www.lightningarbitragesolutions.com>) 2024

- I built automation kits for conducting Bitcoin arbitrage trades across centralised and decentralised exchanges, resulting in a near risk-free average profit of 3-5% per trade! Unfortunately, the FCA wasn't too keen on the kit.

Co-founder RapidResearch (<https://www.rapidresearch.ai>)

2023

- Built an AI-powered SaaS product to automate the screening process in literature reviews for researchers at UNSW and Bond University.
- Delivered a lecture at DCU and got interest from global academic institutions, notably ICASR, who were working on a similar tooling <https://sr-accelerator.com/>

Co-founder VidGaze (<https://www.vidgaze.tv>)

2020

- I founded a start-up called VidGaze, which is an online video streaming platform where users can watch content from YouTube, Twitch, Odysee, Vimeo, and Dailymotion in one place.

Communication

- RapidResearch gave me the opportunity to speak with leading researchers from around the world, from the US to Australia. My co-founder and I gave a lecture at DCU over Zoom on our RapidResearch software. Being SaaS software, we set up a CRM using HubSpot to keep track of all the researchers we reached out to and gave demos to and eventually sold the software to.
- Canvassr taught me the importance of being kind in business, as, unlike big monopolies like Google or Disney, you can't bully your customers as a startup. I've also had the privilege of speaking & meeting with 100s of charity trustees and founders.

Leadership

- Founding VidGaze, RapidResearch and Canvassr means I have to be very self-driven, always open to learning and being able to get the ball rolling myself, to lead by example, whether that's getting lots of code shipped or constantly applying to competitions.
- I think to lead is to be in the trenches with everyone else with indomitable optimism, better things get built, and more high-value opportunities arise with it because people care more and aren't afraid of failing because they see you failing, but not giving up and more importantly, consistently improving.

References

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