



# BECCA WILLIAMS

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## EDUCATION

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE:  
LAW & CRIMINOLOGY (1ST)**  
2016

Aberystwyth University  
Wales, UK  
Awarded Oxford University Press Law  
Prize.

## THINGS I LIKE

Pragmatic Programmer Books  
A List Apart website  
C2 Wiki (Ward Cunninghams  
Wiki)  
Pa11y (accessibility) Git Hook  
Designing Ebooks  
Playing Animal Crossing  
Twittering  
Days off from running

## CONNECT



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## ABOUT

Becca is a self-taught developer who once wrote over 100 tech articles in four months because she desperately wanted to get better at Object-Oriented programming, TDD, user needs analysis, front-end design and more. She has been lucky to pair regularly with an incredibly talented ex-Thoughtworker who taught her that it's okay to ask a million questions, and that **the key to getting better is collecting puzzle pieces and mashing them together so we can figure out what shapes they make.**

## THINGS I CAN DO

- Asking a LOT of questions.
- Pair programming.
- Writing semantic HTML.
- Decoupling style from structure, especially helpful for using CSS frameworks without having to adhere to a fixed API.
- Test-Driven Development (TDD - Not incredibly well, but better than 6 months ago).
- Object-oriented Design (I know it well enough to know how little I know it, but am continuously impressed by it).
- Writing articles and creating ebooks.

## THINGS I GOT PAID TO DO

### QA CHEF

**Front-End Developer & Marketing Strategist | May 2019 - Present**

- Developed a Wardley Map business strategy to assess client needs along a value chain, so that we could identify which areas of our business to prioritise and outsource (etc). Worked with many many clients directly in a high-risk, large-volume catering facility to understand their needs better. Lots of course-correcting and rewriting assumptions - Huge amount of crazy fun.
- Designed and built the user interface for our food-safety record-taking app (HTML, CSS and JS - Compiled using Cordova). Learned Google's Material Design framework, and ended up rewriting a lot of it to be simpler because we didn't need all that functionality for our platforms.
- Pair programmed regularly with CTO to build a test-driven, event-sourced system that allows our clients to take food-safety records. Lots of aha moments. Lots of struggling to reach a shared understanding. Learned how to do Event Storming too.
- We hired a wonderful non-tech intern, who I worked with to develop a marketing plan. We went to conferences and set up lots of meetings with lovely people who knew more than us and helped us get better.
- Spent a lot of time trying to learn as much as possible about Object-Oriented programming, TDD, SOLID principles etc. The more I learn the more I find I don't know. It's great!