

# Ben Arlanda

Full Stack Engineer focused on building accessible and impactful products that can help people lead better lives

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## Experience

Full Stack Engineer **Gladly** Dec 2023 - Present

- Worked in an agile environment to deliver production ready code for the gladly web and mobile applications
- Led the design and rebuild of the interactive admin application
- Collaborated with designers, product managers, and other engineers to transform new features into production
- Built and refactored multiple components using following best practices in component-based architecture
- Integrated multiple APIs with the client for large datasets
- Implemented unit tests to ensure the reliability and correctness of React components, improving code quality

Tech Stack: Next.js, React, React Native, Typescript, AWS Amplify, Lambda, AppSync, (GraphQL/DynamoDB), S3, Cognito

Recruitment Consultant **2XM, AC3, Bluefin** Dec 2014 - 2023

- Responsible full recruitment life cycle from advertising, technical sourcing and interviewing
- Extensivley engaged with stakeholder to build relationships
- Mentored juniors with recruitment fundamentals to start new desks
- Contributed extensively to company revenue consistently with \$500,000 per annum

Application Support Engineer **Hewlett Packard** 2011 - 2013

- Supporting the ministry of defence staff with technical support resolving multiple tickets
- Managed user accounts, including creation, modification, and deletion in Active Directory
- Used remote desktop tools to assist users with updates and installations

Consultant **Virgin Money** 2007 - 2012

- Provided mortgage solutions to existing customers, working closely with credit and underwriting teams to ensure smooth loan approvals while adhering to regulatory standards (FSA, KYC, AML).

Consultant **Lloyds Bank** 2005 - 2007

- Assisted customers with financial transactions, balances, fraud prevention and foreign exchange
- Followed strict financial guildlines adhering to financial services authority
- Collaborating with internal teams to escalate and resolve transaction and fraud problems

## Skills

### Programming Languages

JavaScript, TypeScript, Python, SQL, HTML, CSS

### Libraries & Frameworks

React, Next.js, React Native, Node.js, Express, Tailwind, Expo, Figma, Jest

### Tools & Platforms

Git, Github, Axios, Vercel, Figma, Webpack, Vite, Firebase, Jira

### API & Cloud

REST API, GraphQL, AWS, EC2, S3, Docker

## Projects

### Tangerine

Redesign and development of Gladly's admin dashboard, a centralised backend platform for managing user data, transaction histories, and operational workflows.

### ClearSky

I built this weather app with a tutorial to gain more experience with ShadCN, APIs and TanStack. It provides efficient data fetching and state management, ensuring real-time weather updates and caching

### AI Voice Assistant

I built this app to have fun and get more practice with Python and AI. It is a voice assistant built with LiveKit that interacts with users through voice.

## Education

### Northumbria University

Information Technology

### General Assembly

Full Stack Software Engineering

## Interests

Music, health & wellbeing, science fiction, film & media, AI, nature