

# CATHERINE PULMAN

**JUNIOR SOFTWARE DEVELOPER** | London

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## TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Languages:** TypeScript and JavaScript, using Node.js and browsers as environment
- **Front-end:** HTML, CSS, Lit Element, React
- **Back-end:** MongoDB, SQL, PSQL, seeding, migrations
- **Testing:** Test Driven Development, Deno, Playwright, Jest, Supertest
- **Hosting:** Supabase, Render, Netlify
- **Other:** Git, GitHub, GitLab, Wireframing, Figma

## PERSONAL STATEMENT

I first discovered the joys of coding through animatronic puppet building, where I was introduced to Arduino and loved the logical thinking and problem-solving involved. I enjoyed developing technical systems to automate content creation while working in Education Technology, and in 2024 took the plunge to retrain as a software developer. Over the past year, I have been working with one other developer to build a knowledge management platform for the MoD. This has given me extensive experience across the tech stack, and I am now particularly keen to deepen my expertise in front-end development, testing and user experience design.

## EDUCATION

**BA (Hons) Natural Sciences, University of Cambridge: 1st (2013)**

Biological Sciences with Part II in History and Philosophy of Science

**A-levels** in Biology, Chemistry, Maths and French (all grade A) (2009)

## EXPERIENCE

### Junior Software Developer (October 2024 - September 2025)

*Proven EA/Counter*

- Designing, developing and delivering a new secure knowledge management platform for the Ministry of Defence.
- Primarily involved in front-end development: designing and implementing interactive Lit Element web components written in TypeScript, maintaining strict adherence to WCAG accessibility standards and GDS design principles.
- Features and functionalities included: custom content management interface for document creation, advanced document search capabilities and display dashboards, user management and authentication, admin interfaces for data management and site configuration.
- Developed and maintained the complete e2e test suite using Deno and Playwright.
- Contributed to API design and backend integration.

### Junior Software Developer Volunteer (August - September 2024)

*Library of Things*

- Worked as part of the development team on the company's Next.js React website, written in TypeScript.
- Responsible for implementing designs for a new page that displays the company's physical site locations on an interactive map (using Mapbox GL), and allows users to initiate a public campaign to start a new site using a Formik form.

## **Software Development Student (April - July 2024)**

*Northcoders*

- Three-month intensive full-stack development bootcamp in JavaScript, using Node.js.
- Developed my coding and technical communication skills through daily lectures, seminars, katas, pair-programming challenges and both solo and group project work.
- Created a full-stack web and Android React Native app in two weeks alongside two other developers. The app was designed to help tourists plan trips in a new city and involved integration with the Google Maps API as well as our own custom-built API.

## **Content Creator (Feb 2021 - April 2024)**

*Atom Learning – Education Technology Company*

- Produced and implemented large volumes of high quality, user-friendly and aesthetically pleasing Key Stage 2 educational content under tight deadlines.
- Initiated and developed systems using Excel to create questions automatically, improving efficiency at scale.

## **Forest School Practitioner (Sep 2020 - August 2021)**

*Into the Woods Forest School*

- Delivered the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum in London's first entirely outdoor-based nursery. I was the key person to 10 children under 5 years old, including some with special educational needs.
- Entertaining, educating and keeping young children safe in a public woodland required high levels of energy, imagination and responsibility, as well as excellent communication and teamwork with other staff members.

## **Launch Team (Jul - Sep 2020)**

*TopUp Truck – Hackney's first zero-waste mobile grocery shop*

- Worked with the founder to help launch the business. Involved in all areas, ranging from market research and competitor analysis to forecasting, pricing, logistics and selling.

## **Montessori Practitioner (Sep 2019 - Jun 2020)**

*Bethnal Green Montessori School*

- Worked closely with the lead teacher to maintain a calm and purposeful classroom of 2 to 5-year-olds, delivering the EYFS curriculum in line with Montessori principles.
- Played an instrumental role in the delivery of an online nursery experience throughout the Covid lockdown period.

## **Secretary (Nov 2017 – Sep 2018 & Nov 2013 - Jun 2014)**

*CHASE Africa - Healthcare and tree-planting charity working with partners in East Africa*

- Responsible for developing the website, marketing, social media and donor updates.
- Managed partner reporting and worked with the Oxford Institute of Population Ageing to re-design the data reporting system; developed and implemented key policies.

## **Senior Account Executive (Apr - Aug 2017)**

## **Planning and Biddable Account Executive (Aug 2015 - Apr 2017)**

*Essence Digital - Digital Marketing Agency*

- Planned and executed high budget (£1m+) digital marketing campaigns for the Google and Hewlett-Packard brands across social, search and YouTube channels.
- Negotiated directly with online publishers to purchase advertising space for campaigns.
- Analysed and presented campaign results to clients.

## **Quantitative and Qualitative Assistant – Contract job (Mar - Jun 2015)**

*Basis Research – Customer research and insight consultancy*

## **Sales Analyst and PA to Head of Sales (Jul 2014 - Mar 2015)**

*FDM Group – Training and recruitment agency for the technology sector*

## **HOBBIES & INTERESTS**

In recent years, I have developed an interest in making dolls and puppets! This led me to getting involved with some professional animatronic puppet makers, who I spent considerable time with, working on an ambitious sheep costume (<https://www.instagram.com/reel/Cr3LJlCuUXk>). I also love films, cooking, running, cycling and climbing.