

# Dragos Popa

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## EDUCATION

### University of Leeds

MEng, BSc Computer Science

- Grade: First (Predicted)

Leeds, UK

Sep 2021 – Jun 2025

First Year Modules	Second Year Modules
Web Technologies	Algorithms and Data Structures
Databases	Web Application Development
Programming Project	Artificial Intelligence
Discrete Mathematics	Networks
Object Oriented Programming	User Interfaces

### Brakenhale School

A levels: Computer Science, Business and Economics

- A-Level Grades: AAB
- GCSE Grades: Computer Science – 8, Business Studies – 8, Combined Science – 7, English Language – 7, Mathematics – 7

Bracknell, UK

Sep 2016 – Jun 2021

## RELEVANT PROJECTS

### Personal Project – 2Sway iOS App

Helping hospitality businesses increase footfall by up to 20% and reach student audiences by offering exclusive discounts to students in return for organic promotion of partner businesses.

- Integrated with Instagram APIs in order to estimate students' reach and influence.
- Integrated multiple advanced functionalities such as authentication, database management and utilising REST APIs for many different features of the app.

### University Project – Portable Grey Map Utilities

Developed a comprehensive set of utilities in C which were used to manipulate PGM image files.

- Created utilities for testing the logical equivalence of both binary and ASCII PGM files.
- Created a compression utility which would reduce the PGM files by a given integer factor in each dimension.
- Created tile and assemble utilities which would split a PGM image into a number of smaller PGM files or combine a number of smaller images into one complete file respectively.

### University Project – XV6 RISC-V Operating System

Modified and enhanced the feature set of a UNIX-like operating system created at MIT and written in C.

- Modified the kernel of the operating system to allow for additional system functions.
- Improved the xv6 command line shell by adding new user and system programs.

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

### **2Sway**

CTO

Leeds, UK

Jan 2022 – Present

Co-funded and built the 2Sway iOS application from the ground up, managing to raise finance and grow the app to 5,000 users within the first 2 months after release.

- Allocating and attending meetings with investors, contractors and customers allowed me to improve my time management skills.
- Learned to balance work along with university studies and social life in such a way that I remained highly productive while avoiding “burnout”.

### **Curry's PC World**

Sales Representative

Bracknell, UK

Sep 2019 – Jan 2022

- Honed the ability to work under pressure and maintain a high standard of customer service.
- Developed the ability to take responsibility for my performance and make sure that I am consistently achieving KPIs.
- Prioritised tasks based on the level of urgency and importance. This allowed me to reach a higher number of customers served per day.

## **AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Secured funding for my startup by being selected for the University of Leeds' Enterprise Scholarship 2022
- Duke of Edinburgh Bronze
- Awarded the Teachers Choice Award for Computer Science 2020
- The Brakenhale Academy Head Student & Student Union Committee

## **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

Python	Java	Swift	JavaScript	C++
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## **VOLUNTEERING**

### **Brakenhale School**

School Shop Manager

Bracknell, UK

Sep 2019 – May 2020

- Increased weekly turnover by 25% by developing a new business strategy which included a contactless payment method and flexible inventory.
- Managed a team of 8 Student Union volunteers across day-to-day operations to ensure the shop operated smoothly and efficiently.
- Presented the overall performance and balance sheets to the Student Union and senior staff.