BENJAMIN MCGREGOR

Junior Software Developer

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PERSONAL STATEMENT

Proficient programmer with experience in open-source development, First-Class Honours Computer Science degree-holder from the University of Leicester, and graduate from Northcoders' Software Development bootcamp, seeking a Junior Software Developer role.

A life-long interest in computers lead me to pursue Computer Science and Software Development, and to discover that I thoroughly enjoy building projects, writing code, and collaborating with others.

I have experience with Java, JavaScript, TypeScript, Python, and C#, and have created web applications, APIs, desktop applications, and databases as part of personal projects, open-source work, and formal education.

SKILLS

- Languages: JavaScript, TypeScript, Python, Java, Bash, C#, HTML
- Frontend: CSS, React, React Native, Expo, WinForms, Swing, Tkinter
- Backend: Express, Spring, SQLite, PostgreSQL, MySQL
- Testing: Test Driven Development (TDD), Jest, Junit, Pytest
- Source Control: Git, GitHub
- Other: Pair programming, technical communication, agile/SCRUM

PROJECTS

MuralMap/MuralMap API

Street art mapping and photo sharing Expo/React Native application written in TypeScript with a JavaScript Express API and PostgreSQL backend.

DocuBleach

PyPi-published command-line cybersecurity tool written in Python designed to detect and purge macros/dynamic content from commonly-used modern and legacy office formats.

TedEncrypt

GUI-based file encryption tool written in C# using the .NET framework that employs an unconditionally secure stream cipher to encrypt files bytewise with a generated key.

EDUCATION

University of Leicester | BSc Computer Science (First-Class Honours) | September 2020 - July 2023

- Learnt Java, Spring, Python, Bash, HTML, CSS, and C++ fundamentals
- Developed Spring APIs, websites, Android applications, and MySQL databases
- Studied Cyber Security, Operating Systems, Networking, Artificial Intelligence, Innovation Management, Computing Ethics, Software Engineering, Requirements Engineering, and Cloud Computing

Northcoders | Software Development Bootcamp | July 2024 - October 2024

- Built Express APIs, PostgreSQL databases, and React front-ends
- Learnt JavaScript, Node.js, HTML, and CSS fundamentals
- Developed Jest test suites to practice test-driven development and quality-assurance
- · Regularly engaged in pair programming with numerous partners using Zoom/Slack

Brooke Weston Academy | A-Levels (Various) | September 2018 - July 2020

- Biology (A*)
- Computer Science (A)
- English Literature (B)

Functional Skills UK | Cyber Security Level 2 Certificate | March 2024 - July 2024

- Studied common and emerging cyber threats
- · Explored preventative measures and effective responses for cyber attacks
- Learned about vulnerability and penetration testing
- Researched legal and ethical aspects of cyber security

Bedford College | Coding Level 2 Certificate | October 2024 - January 2025

- Studied coding design principles and the SDLC
- Explored various programming languages
- Developed communication and project management skills

Brooke Weston Academy | GCSEs (Various) | September 2018 - July 2020

- English Language/Biology/English Literature/French (9/8/A*)
- Computer Science/Chemistry/Physics/Mathematics/History (7/A)

EXPERIENCE

Open-source Developer | Anti Malware Alliance | May 2024 - Present

- Joined the Anti Malware Alliance (AMA) to contribute to an open-source project
- Authored and continue to develop and test the 'DocuBleach' CLI cyber security tool
- Enhanced programming skills and engaged in collaborative development

Owner/Computer Hardware Specialist | Moses Technology | September 2018 - January 2020

- Established and operated an online store selling salvaged computer components
- Purchased, refurbished, and sold reclaimed hardware
- Ensured customer satisfaction through quality service and effective communication