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Coming from a background in the biological sciences, after completing my degree in Ecology my career path would take an unexpected turn. My desire to begin studying coding and software development stems from a book I received as a gift, Code by Charles Petzold. Given a clear insight into the hidden language of software, I began independently studying Javascript and HTML. A friend who noticed my piqued interest recommended Northcoders, a coding bootcamp based in Manchester. Their values of determination and commitment resonated with me so I applied immediately.

Technical Skills

- **Languages:** Javascript, HTML, CSS, Python (Currently studying)
- **Back-end:** PSQL, GraphQL, MongoDB, Express, Apollo, Node JS, Firestore
- **Front-end:** React, React Native, Vue.js (Currently studying)

Projects

• **Front-end / Back-end Project Example** - Twitter Clone using a React framework and a Firebase Cloud Firestore. - twitter-clone-840aa.web.app / github.com/PopThieves/twitter_clone

• **Final Project Example** – Mates Rates, an app to share and review your favourite restaurants and bars with friends. Built using React Native / Expo front-end, with a MongoDB / GraphQL backend.

Front-end: <https://github.com/PopThieves/MatesRates> / <https://expo.io/@rico157/projects/MatesRates>

Back-end: <https://github.com/BenSymons/BE-Mates-Rates> / <https://matesrates.herokuapp.com/graphql>

Education

• Aberystwyth University: 2016 – 2018

Bachelor of Science Ecology Degree

Freshwater Biology, Research Methods, Countryside Management, Dissertation.

• Sir John Deane's College: 2014 – 2016

Environmental Science – B

Mathematics – B

Biology – C

• Lymm High School: 2008 – 2014

Mathematics – A*

Biology – A

Chemistry – A

Physics – A

Geography – A

DevFest UK and Ireland 2020

Attended a community organised virtual conference with events covering Cloud, Mobile, Machine Learning, and Emerging technologies.

Knutsford Archery Club 2014 – 2019

Involvement in local community sports club, attended several county team competitions, still practice archery in my spare time. Enjoy the repetitive nature of the sport, aiming for consistency in technique.

References available upon request.

