

# ALFRED RENN

## SOFTWARE ENGINEER

### WORK EXPERIENCE

#### ByteSnap Design

<https://www.bytesnap.com/>  
August 2022 – March 2023

#### Software Engineer

Designed, developed, and engineered various web applications for both internal and customer projects, utilizing a range of programming languages and frameworks to build powerful software solutions.

#### Highlights

- Utilised **Vue** and **TypeScript** to create an intuitive, user-friendly web application, using robust design patterns and best practices to ensure optimal functionality and user experience
- Designed and developed a responsive, feature-rich web application using **Flutter** and **Dart**, incorporating a range of views and user-friendly interfaces for maximum ease of use
- Employed **WPF** and **C#** to create a high-performance application, using **SQL** and an MVC architecture to facilitate the viewing, manipulation, and analysis of data
- Streamlined the deployment process of complex code with multiple dependencies, using **Docker** and **GitLab** CI to optimise the development process and improve productivity

#### Durham University Physics Department

<https://www.dur.ac.uk/qlm/>  
June 2021 – August 2021

#### Solar Physics Research Student

Researching novel telescope imaging techniques using quantum gases

#### Highlights

- Developed robust code with **Python** for fabricating and analysing images from a solar telescope
- Performed deep literature review to justify techniques used in the creation of said telescope
- Discussed and acted upon desires and needs of telescope engineers, theorists, and observationalists

#### Durham University Physics Department

<https://www.durham.ac.uk/departments/academic/physics/>  
August 2020 – October 2020

#### Content Developer

Developing interactive teaching content for a better online learning experience in the pandemic

#### Highlights

- Utilised **Python** to create highly interactive learning resources for Durham physics students
- Worked remotely with lecturers to deliver content tailored to their needs and desires
- Organised fellow interns as a group by creating task rotas to encourage teamwork and mitigate work-duplication, establishing efficient development

#### Viper RF

<https://www.viper-rf.com/>  
August 2019 – September 2019

#### Design Engineer (Internship)

Designing and testing real-time optimisation for an ion satellite thruster

### CONTACT



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### EDUCATION

2018  
2022

#### Durham University

<https://www.durham.ac.uk/>  
MPhys

Physics

Grade: 1st (77%)

Courses

- Masters Project
- Atoms, Lasers and Qubits
- Advanced Theoretical Physics
- Advanced Astrophysics
- Advanced Laboratory

2016  
2018

#### Cottingham High School and Sixth Form College

<https://www.cottinghamhigh.net/>  
A Level

Physics, Mathematics, Further Mathematics

Grade: A\*A\*A\*

Courses

- A\* Physics
- A\* Mathematics
- A\* Further Mathematics

2011  
2016

#### Cottingham High School and Sixth Form College

<https://www.cottinghamhigh.net/>  
GCSE

Grade: 6A\*, 4A, 2D\*

Courses

- A\* Mathematics
- A English
- + 5A\*, 3A, 2 Dist\*

Highlights

- ◀ Programmed and debugged a real-time optimisation algorithm on a microcontroller with C
- ◀ Provided R&D updates and creative input to problem solving
- ◀ Worked on commercially sensitive and highly confidential new product developments using advanced software
- ◀ Liaised directly with customers on work done with radio-frequency electronics

CRODA

 <https://www.croda.com/>  
June 2017 – June 2017

Chemical Engineering Maintenance Technician (Work Experience)

Maintenance of chemical engineering equipment

Highlights

- ◀ Shadowed engineering, maintenance, and instrumentation teams at a chemical-production facility
- ◀ Designed hanging basket using TIG welder, requiring fast learning of techniques
- ◀ Worked alongside diverse teams with a professional conduct
- ◀ Gained an awareness of health and safety, commercial awareness, value for money, and customer service

New Village News

June 2014 – June 2017

Paper Boy

Delivering newspapers to local residents as a subscription service


Highlights

- ◀ Demonstrated reliability and excellent timekeeping on my weekly morning paper round
- ◀ Undertook additional responsibilities as required covering people's rounds last minute when needed

AWARDS

July 2019

Durham University

 Florence Nightingale Award for Graphical Excellence

Awarded for the optimal presentation of quantitative data to illustrate a Helmholtz coil. Used **Python** for graphing.

July 2019

Durham University

 Durham Award for Academic Excellence

Awarded for achieving over 80% in first year of university.

VOLUNTEER

British Heart Foundation

 <https://www.bhf.org.uk/>  
March 2023 – Present

Electrical Tester

Testing electrical equipment for the British Heart Foundation home shop

SKILLS

Data Analysis

**Python**     **Statistics**

Web Development

**HTML**     **CSS**     **JavaScript**     **Vue**

INTERESTS

Board games

**Founding president of Board Gaming Society at Sixth Form**

Electronics

**Arduino (microcontroller and circuit board building)**  
**PC building**

REFERENCES

Available on request  
— Jim Mayock, Viper RF

Available on request  
— Dr. Ifan Hughes, Durham University

Available on request  
— Graeme Wintle, ByteSnap Design

## National Citizen Service

🌐 <https://www.ncsyas.co.uk/>

June 2016 – July 2016

## National Citizen Service

### Highlights

- ◀ Outdoor activities as a team including orienteering
- ◀ Organisation of charity fundraiser and litter pick as a group of young people

## 🔧 PROJECTS

- ◀ **Custom racing wheel:** Used Arduino to create a steering wheel for driving games, improving practical knowledge of electronics and coding skills, and evolving a robust toolset for microcontroller development
- ◀ **Real-time power optimisation for a satellite thruster:** Used a microcontroller to minimise power losses for a microwave generator, to be used in space satellites, improving industry knowledge and personal skills
- ◀ **Optical rotation research project:** Investigated the phenomenon of optical rotation when light is shone through sugar solutions, including potential uses in science and industry, culminating in a 5-page scientific report
- ◀ **Personal website:** Used free time over summer to learn HTML/CSS/JavaScript to create a versatile website with physics simulations, games, and a collation of many physics resources for fellow Durham students
- ◀ **Quantum mechanics simulation:** Simulated a finite square well with Python to create a learning resource for physics students, requiring data manipulation and creative problem solving to get a responsive application
- ◀ **Atomic-force microscopy:** Imaged surfaces on the  $\mu\text{m}$ - and  $\text{nm}$ -scale to investigate the effect of carbon micro-particle size on the surface structure of glass, culminating in a 10-page scientific report
- ◀ **Machine learning for optimising laser cooling experiments:** Used machine learning to optimise the cooling of atoms in a laser trap, culminating in a 33-page scientific report