# Sam Robert Whitehead

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A recent graduate with a Masters degree in Computer Science, living in Shenzhen as a Software Engineer. Open to other opportunities in software engineering, with a particular interest in system administration, tools development, and operating system design.

#### Education

#### University of Nottingham

2018-09 -- 2022-07

Degree: Master of Science in Computer Science

First class honours (4.0 GPA)

- Algorithms and data structures in C, Java, C++, Python, and Haskell.
- Functional Programming and OOP.
- Compiler design and implementation.
- Robotics programming.
- Information Visualization, Data modeling and Analysis.
- Dissertation: Operating System development -- ARM CPU modes and register setup, Graphics driver, System calls, File systems.

## Work Experience

### Software Engineer - CapitalAdd/铭珈资本 (Shenzhen)

2023-06 -- present

- Prepared automated installation and configuration for Ubuntu servers using Ubuntu autoinsteller and Ansible playbooks, focusing on low-latency tuning and performance optimisation of kernel parameters.
- Wrote tools in C++ for analysing binary data files containing processed market data.
- Benchmarked server performance and capability, comparing wth the company's previous server configuration, in preparation for moving from CentOS to Ubuntu.

### English Teacher - HouHai English (Shenzhen)

2022-12 -- 2023-05

Preparing and delivering lessons to classes of up to 10 students between 5-11 years old. Wrote feedback on students' performance to evaluate their progression.

## **Projects**

- Mandelbrot generator in C -- Libpng for storing images, complex arithmetic and multithreading in C.
- Maze generator and solver in Java and Javascript -- Optimisation of Javascript rendering code, A\* search algorithm.
- Major contributor to nsxiv (Revival of image viewer sxiv) -- Implemented loading for animated WebP images.

## Additional experience

# Software Engineering Group project -- designated ``gitmaster''

2019-09 -- 2020-06

- Organised the qit repository for the project's source code Advanced version control.
- Managed the ideas of a diverse group of people to create a cohesive software solution to an industry challenge.

# Programming Languages

C, C++, sh/bash, LATEX, Groff (ms/man), sed/AWK, R, Python, VimL, Javascript, Haskell, Perl, SQL, Java, Lua, PHP, C#, ...

# Technologies

Vim, Linux, SSH, Git/svn, Make, Ansible, Systemd, GDB, Clang/LLVM, Proxmox VE, CMake, ARM architectures, QEMU/KVM, ZFS, Email (postfix, dovecot, OpenDKIM), ...