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I am a web designer and developer from London with a **first class degree** in Computing Science. I absolutely love what I do, and am seeking to work closely with others to create beautiful digital experiences built on solid technical foundations.

My key technical skills include **Javascript, React, AngularJS, ES6/Babel, Webpack, Node.js, unit testing, GIT, HTML5, CSS3** (& pre-processors such as **Sass**). Other technologies I have worked with include **SVG, RESTful APIs** such as **Elasticsearch, Wordpress, PHP, Photoshop/Illustrator/InDesign/Scribus, Sketch, A/B testing** and other areas in **UX**, interaction design, and UI design. I also have some experience with Drupal, Meteor, Express, and Java.

I typically work with others using **Agile** principles, and have experience with behaviour-driven development (**BDD**) and test-driven development (**TDD**), using tools such as the Atlassian Suite.



## SOME RECENT POSITIONS

I have 6+ years experience as a freelance web designer/developer and contractor. Doing this I have developed reliability, timekeeping skills, and the ability to communicate with an extremely wide range of people on technical matters. Most recently I have been working on a facettted search application using React on the front end and Elasticsearch on the back end.

### 2009/Present

Freelance and web design,  
development, and consultancy

### 2016

Web Designer and Programmer,  
Crazy4Media

I joined a marketing company to implement a large scale corporate website. My role was to design and implement the website's front-end, but I also provided consultation on back-end concerns. I was also responsible for client management and communicating technical and visual concepts in a Spanish-speaking environment. Other responsibilities included designing internal and external documents, translating press releases from Spanish into English, and providing technical support/training to the marketing team.

For one and a half years I worked for a startup company specialising in semantic web technology. Based in the offices of a major UK newspaper, I spent my time building an open source Javascript library for building interactive data visualizations (<http://github.com/factmint/Charts>), designing and building the company's website and corporate identity (<http://factmint.com>), and implementing UI features for our Linked Data Platform product, GraphHub (<http://graphhub.com>) using AngularJS.

**2014/2016**

Front End Developer at  
Factmint

**2012/2014**

Head of The Courier Online

I spent two years working as the head web editor, designer, and developer for my university's award-winning student newspaper, The Courier. After building the website from scratch, my duties included managing and training a team of web editors, coding and designing new features as required, and working on content strategy alongside the editor to mediate the publication's online message.

This job involved working closely with the Re-Cap team at my university, who are responsible for the technology used to record lectures and make them available online. My duties ranged from monitoring the recordings for faults to building and configuring the computers and recording equipment. In this role I became adept at optimising workflows for maximum efficiency and teaching the new methods to others on the temp scheme.

**2013/2014**

Information Systems and Services  
(Newcastle University)

I was employed as part of a team in South London to carry out the Census Coverage Survey, a brief follow up to the Census to verify integrity of the data collected.

This involved door-to-door interviews at houses in a number of areas. Approaching people in the privacy of their own residence often required great care and I developed rigorous attention to detail in recording responses and documenting other details.

**Mid 2011**

Office for National Statistics

References: Chris Scott <[chris.scott@factmint.com](mailto:chris.scott@factmint.com)>, Susan Barfield  
<[susan.barfield@newcastle.ac.uk](mailto:susan.barfield@newcastle.ac.uk)>



## BSc Computing Science, Newcastle University

## Sixth Form

I graduated with **First Class Honours**

### STAGE 3

My module options focused on development for web and mobile, security, and Human Computer Interaction (HCI).

### STAGE 2

Topics included computer networks (TCP/IP), Java programming, database systems, algorithm design, and software engineering as a team.

### STAGE 1

Modules included website construction, Java programming, and understanding the industry.

### A2-LEVELS

I continued studying English, Computing, and Chemistry. My grades were A, B, and C respectively.

### AS-LEVELS

I studied English, Computing, Chemistry, and Film Studies.

## Secondary

12 GCSEs: 4 A\*, 6 A, 2 B



## WHEN I'M NOT DESIGNING AND CODING I'M...

- \* Practising languages: I speak Spanish and have an intermediate level of Portuguese.
- \* Making music: I spend a lot of my spare time studying flamenco guitar.
- \* Reading: currently Latin American literature, but I am also passionate about history and enjoy reading the Stoic philosophers.