

# BERTRAM SIMMONS

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## Education

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### Newcastle University

*Bachelor of Science - BSc (Hons), Computer Science*

**Expected Graduation: May 2027**

*Newcastle Upon Tyne*

- First Year grade— **80%**
- Courses: Fundamentals of Computing, Computer Systems Design and Architectures, Foundations of Data Science, Programming Portfolio 1 and 2, Algorithm Design and Analysis, Security Programming, Software Systems Design and Implementation

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*Art, Maths and Physics*

**Sep 2022 - May 2024**

*St Saviour, Jersey*

- A-levels— **A\*BB**
- Awards: Achieved the **Best Artist award**, for GCSE and A-level, and a **Jersey Eisteddfod Gold (Art)**

## Work Experience

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### Sports Direct

*Sales Assistant*

**Dec 2022 – Present**

*St Helier, Jersey*

- Influenced store operations by analysing sales patterns and customer trends to improve product placement - demonstrating an **analytical** and **problem-solving mindset**
- Used point-of-sale (POS) and stock management systems daily, developing familiarity with digital tools and **data-driven decision-making**
- Adapted quickly to new systems and procedures, reflecting strong technical **adaptability** and **willingness to learn new technologies**

### JD Sports

*Sales Assistant*

**Sep – Dec 2022**

*St Helier, Jersey*

- Provided a high-quality customer experience in a busy retail environment, enhancing **communication** and **teamwork skills**
- Maintained accuracy in transactions and stock control, strengthening **attention to detail** and **data integrity awareness**

## Projects

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### Spotify Music Finder | *Source Code*

**ReactJS | Spotify API | Tailwind CSS**

- Developed a web application integrating Spotify's Web API and Playback SDK, enabling users to discover similar songs through advanced audio feature analysis including BPM, key, energy levels, and genre
- Implemented real-time music playback controls, playlist management, and an intelligent recommendation system using Spotify's audio features API to calculate similarity scores and suggest tracks

## Certifications

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### Datacom | Cyber Security Virtual Experience Program on Forage

**Oct 2025**

- \* Incorporated **OSINT** tools to investigate an APT group linked to a company data breach, identifying vulnerabilities and assessing the technical and business impacts
- \* Completed a **risk assessment** using a structured framework to develop and communicate effective mitigation strategies

## Technical Skills

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**Languages:** Python, Java, JavaScript, C, SQL, HTML5, CSS

**Developer Tools:** Git, Azure

**Libraries/Frameworks:** ReactJS, Astro, Vite, PostgreSQL, Tailwind CSS, Lucide

## Additonal Work Experience

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### Star Noodle Bar

Jul – Sep 2022

*Crew Member*

*St Helier, Jersey*

- \* Managed multiple orders simultaneously during peak hours, strengthening **time management** and **multitasking skills**
- \* Prepared food items accurately and consistently, demonstrating attention to detail and adherence to safety/hygiene standards

### Framing Workshop Ltd

Dec 2021 – Jun 2022

*Framer/Team Member*

*St Helier, Jersey*

- \* Measured, cut, and fitted glass and framing materials with precision, developing strong **attention to detail** and **accuracy**
- \* Collaborated closely with colleagues and customers to deliver high-quality, tailored products, improving **teamwork** and **communication skills**

## Achievements

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- Earned the prestigious **Grand Prior's Award** with St John Ambulance, completing over 100 hours of community service providing first aid to events and skill development across multiple first aid disciplines
- Recieved **Best Artist Award** in both GCSE and A-Level cohorts, highlighting top performance, strong portfolio development, and leadership in creative projects
- Won a **Gold Award** at the Jersey Eisteddfod, recognising outstanding performance and excellence in artistic expression

## Additional Skills

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- Full clean driving license
- IT - proficient in Photoshop and Microsoft Office, including Outlook, Excel, PowerPoint and Word

## Interests

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- Playing guitar, DJing, learning music production using Ableton Live
- Going to the gym and staying fit and active
- Socialising with friends and enjoying live music events