

Ben Tawse

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Employment History

Junior Software Developer / Business Analyst, Payment Card Solutions (UK) Limited

March 2014 - Present

- Maintained a number of websites running on Ruby on Rails
- Developed a good working knowledge of Haml, Sass, JavaScript, and Bootstrap
- Visually overhauled a website using Bootstrap, making it fully mobile responsive
- Produced marketing materials including a brochure, business cards, and a shell scheme using Adobe Creative Suite

Warehouse / Assembly Worker, Novatech Limited

December 2013 - March 2014

- Performed visual inspections and electronic tests on computers at the end of the production line
- Packed computers and moved them into the warehouse
- Assembled some smaller computers, and occasionally assisted in picking duties for online orders

Barista, Starbucks Coffee Company

August 2011 - January 2012

- Worked in a busy central London coffee shop
- Produced coffees and other beverages, stocked food items according to food hygiene procedures, and cleaned the café during and at the end of each shift

Customer Service Assistant, The Southern Co-Operative

October 2009 - January 2011

- Served customers on till, restocked and rotated stock on shelves
- Occasionally had to deal with difficult situations when denying the sale of age-restricted products
- Took a pro-active approach to learn new tasks and skills, including receiving deliveries and recording end-of-day wastage

Education

King's College London, 2010 - 2013

BA Philosophy (2:1)

- Studied a range of philosophical topics including Locke (80%), Spinoza and Leibniz (71%), and Theories of Justice (68%)
- Also studied technical modules including First-Order Logic (78%) and Formal Semantics (75%)
- Studied some Computer Science in first year including Object-Oriented Programming (98%) and Web Programming (88%)

The Portsmouth Grammar School, 1995 - 2009

- **A Levels:** AAA (English Literature, History, Religious Studies)
- **AS Levels:** B (Music)
- **GCSEs:** Six A* grades (inc. Maths, English, Physics, Chem.) and four A grades
- **Additional achievements:** Free Standing Maths Qualification in Additional Maths (grade B), Gold Certificate in UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge

Skills

Productivity: Microsoft Office

OSs: I have used Windows, OS X, and a few distributions of Linux (Ubuntu, Fedora, openSUSE, etc.)

Creative: Good working knowledge of Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, and InDesign

Interests

I enjoy cycling. In the past few years I have twice participated in a 400 mile charity cycle ride through France. I also designed cycle jerseys for these rides, which were worn by about 150 people.

I am a big fan of playing and making music. I mainly play the drums and guitar but have dabbled in other instruments. I have played in a few bands over the last few years, from playing math-rock with my friends to playing dad-rock with some dads.