

# Ben Tawse

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## Employment History

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

*March 2014 - July 2015*

- Maintained and developed a number of websites running on Ruby on Rails
- Developed a good working knowledge of Rails, and front-end technologies including 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

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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 music. I mainly play the drums and guitar, and have played the trumpet and piano in the past. I used to play in a band with my friends which played gigs across the Portsmouth area, and I have also played in other bands, playing a variety of genres like classic rock and blues.