

# Benjamin Shearlock

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## Profile

- An up and coming programmer interested in **Software Engineering, Technology** and **Finance**, with the desire and capability to branch into any computational discipline required.
- Committed to utilising my abilities to further the mission of a company. Confident in being able to decompose and analyse tasks to find the optimal solution, and in my ability to lead others. Expected to achieve a **first-class** at university and eager to learn the ins and outs of the industry.

## Education

- **SEPTEMBER 2020 – PRESENT**  
**BSC COMPUTER SCIENCE, ROYAL HOLLOWAY UNIVERSITY OF LONDON**  
Third Year Computer Science Student, passed first and second year with **first-class honours**. Modules covered include: Robotics | Databases | Network & Computer Security | Operating Systems | Algorithms & Complexity | Multi-Dimensional Data Processing | Project & Security Management | User-Centred Design | Cryptography | Functional Programming | Software & Language Engineering, as well as leadership roles in various other Team Projects. Currently researching and working on a Dissertation for “**Creating Software for Value at Risk**”, which includes Robust GUI Development, Statistical Financial Analysis, as well as Computationally-Driven Algorithmic Exploration.
- **SEPTEMBER 2012 – SEPTEMBER 2019**  
**GCSSES & A-LEVELS, RICKMANSWORTH SCHOOL**  
Was a Student Ambassador, helping present the school on open days and help decide on various school policies. Participated as a member of the Football, Badminton and Swimming team. Was also a member of the drama and singing society, performing in multiple plays and singing competitions. Being in top sets throughout my time there, I ended up achieving:  
**A-Levels** - 3 A-levels in Computing, Maths & Physics + an AS-level in Further Maths.  
**GCSEs** - 10 GCSEs in the above subjects, as well as English, Geography, Sciences and French.

## Employment history

- **JANUARY 2024 – ONGOING**  
**DATA ANNOTATER | FREELANCE**
  - Specialising in annotating diverse datasets, including code, text and graphical images to train and refine AI models by querying, identifying and rectifying responses and errors.
  - Rigorously evaluating AI response quality, leveraging extensive coding knowledge for accurate assessment.
  - Developing, writing, and testing code, ensuring optimal AI training and performance enhancement.
- **SEPTEMBER 2018 – JANUARY 2019**  
**CASHIER | TK MAXX, WATFORD**
  - Assisted with customers around the store, was subsequently given an award for exemplary customer service.
  - Collaborated optimally with staff members to enhance teamwork and was regularly able to use my problem solving abilities to help solve store issues.

## Key skills

### TECHNICAL

- Proficient in **Java**, as well as most **Object-Oriented Programming** concepts.
- Advanced **Python** programming with a focus on practical applications and back-end solutions.
- Competent in **HTML** and **JavaScript** for various forms of web development.
- Experienced in version control using **Git** development.
- Adept in **Test-Driven Development** and **Scrum** methodologies.
- Practiced in **Funcional Programming** with **Haskell** and **Scala** to dissect and manipulate data.
- Highly proficient with **Windows OS** and the **Microsoft Office Suite**.
- Skilled in **Cryptography** and **Cybersecurity** principles
- Understanding of **Computer and Network Security** best practices.
- Comprehension of **Financial Industry** concepts, achieved through dedicated self-studying.
- Knowledgeable of **Project Management** concepts, having effectively lead multiple university projects from initial planning to completion, ensuring high deployment quality.
- Willingness and ability to rapidly **learn anything required** in a fast and convenient manner.

### SOCIAL

- Consistently demonstrated the ability to collaborate effectively within a team.
- Proven leader with experience in maintaining, coordinating and mentoring multiple colleagues.
- Outstanding customer service skills with a record of awards for positive client interactions.
- Proven ability to perform and problem solve under pressure within a working environment.
- Strong communication skills honed through acting and public speaking in youth.
- Approachable and adept at building and maintaining professional and non-professional relationships.
- Regular engagement in physical fitness (Gym) and martial arts (Judo), as well as other sporting activities, reflecting discipline towards commitments and overall bodily health.

## Achievements & Interests

- Main conceptual designer and project coordinator for a University group creating a multi-purpose Flask-based website system, demonstrating leadership within agile software development. (2023)
- Built and coded a robot to solve a shuffled Rubik's Cube, impressed lecturers & teachers so much that I was invited to show it on University Open Days. [Can be found on [LinkedIn Profile](#)] (2022)
- Captain and Officer for a University Esports team (Overwatch), have consistently placed top 10 in the country, illustrating strategic leadership and an ability to thrive competitively, valuable for team-based and goal-oriented workplaces. (2021 - Present)
- Team leader on an expedition trip to Madagascar, received multiple commendations from leaders. Included volunteering within villages to help dig water-lines, creating sustainable pumps for them to use, as well as helping tutor at orphanages, all for good causes. (2019)
- Played Badminton for the county in Hertfordshire, competing in local and regional tournaments, being able to consistently excel under pressure. (2018)
- Completed Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award, included 6 months of volunteering, providing valuable community service to the Three-Rivers Council. (2018)
- Scout & Sea Cadet in youth, various small achievements within both. This experience helped establish an early involvement within structured, achievement-oriented programs, providing foundations for teamwork and my continued personal development. (2007-2017)

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