

# James Fisher

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## Skills

**An impeccable grasp of the English language.** I write for pleasure, and enjoy communicating ideas with flair, clarity and concision. I believe this is a prerequisite of being an effective programmer.

**An eye for aesthetics, design, and presentation.** I adore understated typography, functional communication, and interactive design. I not only apply these principles to documents I produce for print and for the web, but apply graphical and spatial thinking to general problem-solving.

**Problem-solving and strategic thinking.** I will thrive in an intellectually challenging workplace. I quickly tire of routine tasks and strive to eliminate them.

**An understanding of algorithmics and a comfortableness with formalism.** I am familiar with Big-O notation, and I have an interest in formal verification (which is the topic of my MSc individual project).

I.T. experience of the following, with varying familiarity:

C, C++, D, Java	Python, PHP	Haskell	Javascript, CoffeeScript
jQuery, jQuery UI	NodeJS	HTML5, CSS3	XML, JSON, &c.
Revision control (git)	xUnit, TDD	MVC (Django)	SQL
Photoshop, The GIMP	Inkscape	T <sub>E</sub> X, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X	OpenOffice, MS Office
Linux, Windows	Networking (small-scale)	Misc. sysadministration	

## Education

**Oct. 10–Sep. 11** Master of Science degree in **Computing Science** at **Imperial College London**. Provisional **distinction** in exams. Individual project (“Verifying concurrent indexes”) in progress.

**2006–9** Bachelor of Arts degree, with **first-class honors**, in **History**, at the **University of York**.

**2004–6** Achieved the following A-levels:

Subject	Grade	Institution
History	A	Colchester Royal Grammar School Sixth Form
Computing	A	”
Physics	B	”
Mathematics	B	”
General Studies	A	”
Art and Design	B	Grey Friars Adult Community College

**2004–5** Membership in a **Young Enterprise** company, qualifying with a **distinction**

**2002–4** Eleven GCSEs at **Colchester Royal Grammar School**.

## Previous work

2006–present	Director and Secretary of Lexden Montessori Ltd., overseeing, among other things: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Web design and maintenance (<a href="http://www.lexdenmontessori.com/">http://www.lexdenmontessori.com/</a>)</li><li>• Market research and advertising</li><li>• Administration and secretarial duties</li></ul>
2010	Branding for Pembroke House ( <a href="http://www.pembrokehouse.sc.ke/">http://www.pembrokehouse.sc.ke/</a> ), a Kenyan prep school.
2010	Branding and web design for Harambee Schools Kenya ( <a href="http://www.hsk.org.uk/">http://www.hsk.org.uk/</a> ), a charity building schools around Gilgil in rural Kenya.
2009	At Caring Homes Ltd., developing an internal database-driven system for managing care homes and their CSCI reports
2008	Various responsibilities at Caring Homes Ltd., including: accountancy and financial planning, due diligence, insurance of plant, and remote I.T. support
2004–6	I.T. technician at Colchester Royal Grammar School

## Personal

I enjoy exercising (going to the gym, and failing that, going for long runs). I love hours walking and enjoying pints with friends.

I also have several solitary hobbies. I draw and paint, having executed many commissions. I read overly difficult books. I love infographics, typography, and typesetting, and I enjoy critiquing such things on my blog.

In time past, I've traveled Europe via inter-rail with a group of friends, and I would one day love to travel abroad with my girlfriend, teaching English as a foreign language.

*This document is available at <http://eegg.github.com/cv/>.*