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Personal Statement

I'm a Data-driven scientist using R, databases, GIS and other tools to tidy, explore, and visualise data; deliver reproducible work; and creatively communicate ideas and insights.

My background in Earth and environmental sciences (PhD, MSc, PgDip) has been the springboard to over 10 years' data-oriented experience in public and private sector projects.

Career highlights

- Task Technical Lead in the world's first national-level digital mapping project.
- Multivariate analysis of fossils applied to geological dating.
- Archaeological Science Advisor, Eastern England.
- Writing and Instructional Design of energy sector e-learning products.

Key skills

- · Statistical approaches
- Spatial data handling
- Machine learning
- Data visualisation and instructional design
- Database design and functional requirements
- Project management
- · Independent research

Tools

- R: base R, tidyverse, caret, knitr, R Markdown, Bookdown,...etc
- Databases: MySQL, SQL, Postgres, PostGIS
- · Geographical Information Systems: QGIS, ESRI, GMT
- Illustration: Inkscape, Gimp
- Writing: markdown, LaTeX
- Other experience: python, php, html, jekyll

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Academic History

- PgDip (Distinction): Geographical Information Science
 - o University College London, London, UK
 - o October 2014-May 2015
- PhD: Quantitative palaeontology and stratigraphy
 - o The western Palaearctic evolution of the water vole Arvicola.
 - o Royal Holloway, University of London, Egham, UK
 - o October 2006-September 2010
- MSc (Distinction): Quaternary Science
 - o Royal Holloway, University of London, Egham, UK
 - o October 2004 September 2005
- BSc (2.1): Biology and Geology
 - o University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester, UK
 - o September 1994-June 1997

Employment History

- Data and Environmental Consultant:
 - o Data science; Geotechnical support; Science journalism; Instructional Design
 - Clients include Museum of London Archaeology, L-P:Archaeology, energy-future.com, University of Westminster
 - June 2011—July 2015 and May 2016—present
- · Science Advisor (East of England)
 - o Archaeological Science support to the heritage sector
 - o Historic England, 24 Brooklands Avenue, Cambridge, CB2 8BU, UK
 - July 2015—May 2016 (Maternity cover)
- Database adminstrator
 - o Development and population of the Ancient Human Occupation of Britain project database
 - o Natural History Museum, London, UK
 - o November 2010-April 2011
- Bibliographic database management and GIS
 - o Building global models of sea-level change
 - Neftex Exploration Insights, Abingdon, Oxon., UK
 - February 2006—September 2006
- · GIS Technician and Technical Lead
 - Digital mapping of England
 - o Black & Veatch Ltd, Redhill, Surrey, UK
 - o June 2001 September 2004

References

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