## MATTHEW G. JOHNSTON

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#### COMPETENCIES

### Leader - Senior Consultant: Leading numerous projects and managing teams of consultants, data scientists, and data engineers (including on Google Cloud Platform) - Chair of UKBC: running the group of 10 volunteers who write biology exams for >30k students annually. - Duke of Edinburgh Gold - Expedition Leader Data Evangelist - FMCG data transformation: I ran a team of consultants to implement a novel data strategy for a FMCG to revolutionise marketing to a data-driven model with stakeholder buy-in - Deep technical understanding: I have the rare blend of business implementation combined with a genuine appreciation of data from a PhD using big data and coding business solutions myself Analytical and - 4-year PhD programme and 3 internships, including international experience at Lausanne, Switzerland **Problem Solving** - designed and performed my own experiments, including all required controls to give biological insight - critically assessed colleagues' work in lab meetings and journal clubs - teaching colleagues to write scripts for statistical and image analysis (ImageJ, R) Team player - collaborative experimental work, leading to joint first authorship on a PNAS paper Communication - write succinct reports, presentation and pitch decks for multiple clients (Oral and Written) - selected for multiple international presentations, chosen by line-manager to present in Germany (>95% speaker rating at my most recent conference) - lay presentation to A-level students and taught primary children biology for a charity - published technical and lay articles (https://matthew-johnston.com/publications/) Coding - full-stack developer for British Biology Olympiad written in React, NodeJS and PostgreSQL. Built a (R, React, NodeJS, bespoke exam application, with in-depth live reporting on exam results and uptake Python, Github)

# **EXPERIENCE**

#### Jan 2022 - Present

### Senior Data Consultant (S2), Artefact

I currently manage a digital transformation team within an FMCG company, developing and implementing an advanced Audience-segmentation tool, which leverages first party data and machine learning, navigating multiple stakeholders from different business arms and localities, with conflicting agendas. I am planning the strategic vision for 2022, optimising for value creation.

- scientific computing using a HPC cluster in BASH and downstream analysis in Perl and R

- statistical expert in R leading to several collaborative publications

## Jul 2021 - Jan 2022

## Senior Data Consultant (S1), Artefact

I led and managed every aspect of a team of 10 consultants to deliver a 5-week project to develop a digital marketing strategy from scratch, being the main point of liaison with the Gaming client. I led the development of a DataStudio dashboard to automatically profile audience segments, outlining key KPIs at a glance.

#### Oct 2016 - Jan 2021

Rotation PhD, Composition of and interactions at plasmodesmata, Faulkner Group, Crop Genetics, John Innes Centre

One of five PhD students on the flagship PhD programme designing my own split PhD, including experimental benchwork combined with a large proportion of bioinformatics and statistics.

## Oct 2013 - Jul 2016

Class I, Natural Sciences, BA, Christ's College, University of Cambridge

Rosabel Spencer-Thomas Prize in Natural Sciences (2016) Christ's College Sporting Award (2016)

Exhibition Prize (2014)

#### Sept 2011 – Jul 2013

A\* in A2 Biology, Chemistry, Further Mathematics, Mathematics, Physics, The Judd School, Kent