

## Professional Summary

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With my former employer having gone into liquidation due to Covid-19, I have another opportunity for further growth in a new development role, with my particular interest in the back-end. With a background in CompSci and a love for programming I enjoy the challenge of web development, in particular finding solutions to problems and learning new skills and technologies. I have the ability to bunker down and get work done but also the training to coordinate and communicate effectively, which has proved useful in joining new teams and making a difference.

## Core & Developing Skills

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### Languages

Ruby  
Javascript  
PHP

### Web/Dev

HTML5, CSS3 (processors)  
Bootstrap, JQuery  
Node.js  
Express.js  
ReactJS

MongoDB/Mongoose  
Linux/Ubuntu  
RESTful API  
MVC design  
Ruby on Rails

## Employment & Experience

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### Blog Site – Node, Express, MySQL | [blog.mattballard.site](http://blog.mattballard.site) | May 2020 – Aug 2020

This project is a blog site developed from scratch with a custom made tagging system and local Passport authentication and authorization. The focus was to learn things from the ground up; key lessons here were:

- Using MySQL (without a query library) instead of the common Mongo stack and managing via command line (Linux)
- Setting up a Node instance on private web hosting and using cloud DB storage.
- Configuring local Passport strategy for user authentication/authorization

### Junior Web Developer – Indigo River Creative | Redditch | Oct 2019 – Aug 2020

Worked at this agency predominately in a Wordpress environment with PHP, MySQL, JS and CSS/SASS.

- Delivered features and fixtures to websites according to a project schedules, plans and designs
- Basic mail, domain and hosting configuration
- Communicated with and briefed studio management, design teams and clients
- HTML email creation and campaign management via libraries (Foundation) and pure HTML
- Learned needed skills, tools and technologies to deliver work to a schedule and time manage multiple projects

### Outreach Worker & Events Coordinator – Amana Trust | London | 2010 – 2019

Lead a team of outreach workers covering the SE of London to engage the community and generate, reach and develop contacts. Coordinated across the UK and Europe to design and deliver events locally and abroad.

- Trained, oversaw, and mentored regularly changing outreach teams
- Produced content and delivered presentations to community groups, seminars, conferences and trainings
- Project management of large scale events and distribution campaigns
- Co-led changing groups of international volunteers during mass distribution campaign in SE London during 2012 Olympics, distributing 8,000+ literature packs
- Monitored and facilitated 2018 phone campaign of SE London contact database, delivering 3,000 calls to deadline
- Managed annual UK/Europe student conference for five years (300-400 people), hosted in UK and abroad

## Education & Training

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**ReactJS Course** | Wes Bos | Jun 2020 – Present

**Complete Ruby on Rails Developer Course** | Udemy | Jun 2019 – Present

**Web Developer Bootcamp** | Udemy | July 2019 – Nov 2019

**Learn & Understand NodeJS** | Udemy | Jun 2019 – Aug 2019

**Git, HTML, CSS & Layout, JavaScript, Ruby** | LearnEnough | Oct 2018 – Feb 2019

**Full-time Training London (FTTL) | London, UK | 2008 - 2010**

Postgraduate programme emphasising biblical research, public speaking, community outreach, team building, and character development.

**B.Sc. Comp Sci | Waikato University, Hamilton, NZ | 2003 – 2007**