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Personal profile

Computer science graduate with a concentration in theory. Experienced in high and low level programming, from C to Haskell, in individual projects and small groups. Fluent in German and an excellent writer with scrupulous attention to detail.

Education and qualifications

2007-2010 University of Wales, Swansea

MRes Logic and Computation (final thesis approved)

This was a part-taught course with a thesis including a substantial portion of original research. The taught part included:

- · lambda calculus and type theory
- · boolean satisfiability problems and solving
- · abstract data types and program synthesis
- interactive theorem proving using dependent types (Agda)

The research project concerned the theory and implementation of exact real number computation, a broad-based project involving aspects of:

- real analysis
- topology
- domain theory
- · category theory
- · automata and computability theory
- program extraction
- functional programming in Haskell

During the course I took part in a Marie Curie fellowship scheme, Mathlogaps (Mathematical Logic and Applications), including a 5-month visit to LMU Munich and a 5-day workshop at Manchester University.

2003-2007 University of Wales, Swansea

BSc Computer Science (with German) (2.1)

Combined honours scheme, $\frac{2}{3}$ Computer Science modules, balanced between practice and theory:

- programming in Delphi, C, Haskell, Prolog and Java
- a group project using Java
- an individual, mostly theoretical project on pure functional memoization with an implementation in Haskell
- program design, data structures, algorithms and complexity
- parsing of formal and natural languages, including programming exercises using LALR(1) parser generators (Lex/Yacc) and DCGs (Prolog)
- Al techniques such as heuristics and machine learning
- algebraic specification using the algebraic rewriting language Maude
- logic, computability theory, and theory of programming languages
- operating systems and concurrency

and $\frac{1}{3}$ German/linguistics:

- language tuition including German literature
- translation
- terminology

2005-2006 University of Regensburg, Bavaria, Germany (year abroad)

Fairly free-form year, comprising the 3rd year of my degree course. Lectures and seminars on various subjects in the medium of German, including

- networking
- databases
- phonetics
- ancient history

in addition to social engagement with students from many countries. During this year I greatly improved my German language skills.

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2000-2002 Havant Sixth Form College

- 3 A levels: German (C), Mathematics (pure/mechanics/statistics) (C), Physics (C)
- 2 AS levels: Computing (B), Philosophy (C)

1995-2000 Oaklands Catholic Comprehensive, Waterlooville, Hampshire

• 10 GCSEs and 2 short course GCSEs including six As

Additional qualifications

- Knowledge of a wide range of programming languages including C, Delphi, C++, Java, Python, Perl, Prolog, Lisp, Haskell, Agda
- Experience of Unix (Linux) systems programming and system administration
- · Fluent speaker of German and some French

Positions of responsibility

- Treasurer of Swansea University Computer Society (2004).
 - Handling petty cash and accounting for all financial transactions (membership fees, sales (CD-Rs etc.), purchases)
 - Liaising with the students' union and obtaining funding
 - Organising meetings

Other duties unrelated to the position of treasurer included database and server administration.

- Steward at charity horse shows in Denmead, Hampshire.
 - Keeping paperwork consistent and up to date on a tight schedule
 - Taking late entries (interacting with the public and handling money)
 - Directing parking

Work experience

February-May 2010 Notetaker and mobility support assistant, Swansea University

November-December 2010 Warehouse operative at Amazon, Swansea

> Easter 2004 Temporary factory operative at Hi-Tech Mouldings, Waterlooville, Hampshire

Finishing mass-produced plastic goods e.g. pumps

Summer 2003 Temporary postman at Royal Mail, Waterberry Drive, Waterlooville, Hampshire

Sorting mail, requiring a speedy attention to detail

Delivering mail

Winter 2002/2003 Temporary warehouse operative at DBC Foodservice Ltd., Petersfield, Hampshire

 $\label{eq:condition} \text{Order picking} - \text{collecting stock from the warehouse according to order sheets}$

Packing/unpacking containers

Interests

- Languages and linguistics.
- Role-playing games (both computerised and pencil & paper). I am a member of the university role-playing society.
 GM for a Pathfinder campaign, which involves leadership skills (mediation, communication, decision making).
- Reading, particularly SF, fantasy and historical novels.
- Regular contributor to the free encyclopedia Wikipedia, making mostly copy-editing edits.
- · Music. I have a broad taste but especially like blues, classic rock, post-punk and electronica. I have also sung bass in two
- · Casual contributor to open source software projects: reporting bugs and occasionally submitting patches.

Referees

Available on request