

BEN THOMPSON

FULLSTACK WEB DEVELOPER

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SKILLS

- HTML
- CSS / SASS
- JavaScript
- React
- Node.js
- Express

EDUCATION

UCL

MSc - Computer Science
(upcoming)

2024-2025

University of Edinburgh

MA - English Literature (2:1)

2010-2014

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Music
Tennis
Chess

PROFILE

I started coding for a very practical reason - I needed a website for my private tutoring business. I found that I loved the challenge involved, and wanted to find out more about the technologies that power the web. Since then, I've taught myself JavaScript, React and how to build full-stack web apps that interact with a backend and databases. I'm still continuing to learn and improve my abilities, and have recently been accepted to study an MSc in Computer Science at UCL. I'm looking forward to the challenge of full-time study to deepen my understanding of the fundamentals of computing and software engineering.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Web Development Experience

I've deployed a number of personal and professional websites, using a range of technologies including React and JavaScript. As a self-taught web developer, I've had to rely on problem-solving skills and the ability to research and find solutions by myself.

Projects:

- Album of the Year
(taoty.co.uk)

Fullstack web application using React on the front end, with Node.js and Express on the back end, connecting to a MongoDB database

- Ben Thompson Tutoring
(benthompsonstutoring.co.uk)

Professional website, built with HTML, CSS & JavaScript. Fully responsive for mobile layouts and optimized for SEO.

Private Tutor

2015-2024

Since 2015, I have run my own private tutoring business, tutoring both English and Maths to GCSE and A-Level students. It's been very rewarding helping students achieve to their highest potential. It's also developed my organisation, communication and critical thinking skills.

Professional Actor

2015-2023

Alongside tutoring work, I've pursued a career as a professional actor, performing in theatre, short films and commercials. This has given me excellent communication and teamwork abilities, and the confidence to perform in high-pressure scenarios.