

## Samuel Weston

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### Education and Qualifications:

- 2008 - Present** BSc Computer Science, University of Southampton  
I am currently in my second year of a three year course, studying for a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science.
- 2001 - 2008** The Coopers' Company and Coborn School, Upminster, Essex  
A Levels: Computing (A), Maths (B), Physics (C)  
AS Level: Politics (C)  
GCSE: 11 Subjects, 1 grade A\* (ICT), 4½ grade A, 4½ grade B  
N.B. The two ½s represent short course subjects

### Work Experience:

- Summer 2006** **Work Experience; Lanz Limited**  
Lanz Limited is an IT consultancy company and internet service provider based in London. During this two week placement I built computers independently for the business, supported the design and construction of servers and shadowed employees engaged in various aspects of the work of the company. Through this I developed a greater understanding of the capacities of computer hardware, networks and the business aspects of the computer industry. I also developed confidence in my ability to build and solve problems with computer systems.
- Summer 2005 – 2008** **Youth Leader for Children's Holiday Club**  
For a week every summer from 2005 to 2008 I was a leader at a holiday club run by St Andrew's Church, Hornchurch. Through this I developed my communication, leadership and team-working skills, as well as becoming more confident in working with young children.
- 2005 - Present** **Freelance Computer Design, Building, Maintenance and Repair**  
Since about 2005 I have regularly designed, built, maintained and repaired personal computers, as well as home networks for private customers. This has taught me how to work to deadlines, and the problem solving and practical skills involved in working with computer components.

## Skills:

- Technical** Through my university course, work experience at Lanz Ltd and my general interest in computers, I have learnt many technical skills including but not limited to:
- Linux/Unix server and workstation administration
  - Network planning and building, including key security principles
  - Object oriented and functional programming, primarily Java but including some C and Scheme
  - Software engineering techniques, covering analysis, design and testing
  - Computer design, building and troubleshooting
  - Microsoft Windows XP, Vista and 7 troubleshooting
  - Basic web design using HTML, XHTML and CSS
  - Problem solving and debugging skills
- Communication** My work at Lanz and my freelance work have helped me develop my communication skills in a business environment, both with customers and co-workers.
- Team Working** My team-working skills were developed during my work experience at Lanz but the many people I have worked with on group projects during my university course has been most influential in this area.
- Organisational** My organisational and time management skills have been well developed by my A-Levels and degree work as well as my freelance work.

## Interests and Achievements:

### Music

I have been involved in music since a very early age and have achieved Grade 5 Clarinet, Grade 6 Alto Saxophone and Grade 5 Music Theory. Through this I have been involved in three international music tours with my school, played at numerous occasions such as the Lord Mayor of London's Banquet at Mansion House and venues such as the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London.

I have been part of a 10 piece semi-professional jazz band called Decajazz since 2006, with which I have played numerous professional engagements. I have the responsibility to attend rehearsals regularly and maintain a high standard of performance in order to play my part in the band.

### Computers

I have been interested in computers and technology for many years. My interest has resulted in me getting involved in many areas such as web design, internet radio broadcast, Linux server and workstation administration, as well as the design, building, repair and maintenance of many systems running various versions of Microsoft Windows and Linux.

### Referees

References available on request.