

# Jordan Ball

Software Developer

## DESCRIPTION

Approachable and hard-working backend developer with experience working with multiple languages including **Python** and **MySQL**. Aside from technical skills, I also pride myself on knowing **extensive knowledge** of the products I work on. By having this knowledge, I have become the **go-to-person** to provide solutions in my area of expertise and support to others. I am seeking a Software Developer role that offers the opportunity to build on my existing skills, but also has the potential to allow me to learn new skills.

## EDUCATION

BSc Software Development for Business  
Glasgow Caledonian University  
2014-2019  
Grade achieved: **First Class Honours**

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## EXPERIENCE

Newsquest Media Group (s1jobs)  
Back End Developer  
August 2019 - Current role

Working as a Developer, my role is to develop and maintain all of the sites - There are 13 sites in total with our biggest being **s1jobs.com**. This site alone is visited by over **1 million users** every month - making it Scotland's largest job board. I have gained a huge amount of experience working here as the team is small, and so it is important to be very adaptable. During the summer of 2020, I become one of only two backend developers, and so it was important for me to quickly understand the application and be able to continue to develop new products in time for the planned recruitment boom after COVID. I managed to do this and was **promoted** from a Junior Developer to a Developer within 10 months of working here.

During my time here, I have also been involved in a successful data migration project for s1jobs. The s1jobs site was previously ran using Perl, with a differently structured database. The migration project was to safely move the data to the newly structured database, and ensure that Jobseekers and Recruiters would be able to continue to use the new Python site with ease.

- Python
- MySQL
- Solr
- CI
- Flask
- SQLAlchemy
- Redis
- Pytest
- REST API
- MongoDB
- ElasticSearch

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

Currently, I'm learning Flutter in my spare time - mainly using online courses. I am really enjoying learning this as it is a newly created language by Google and so it offers exciting and unique potential. My aim is to release an app to the Android App Store.

I am also a trustee of a charitable trust (Paraclete Trust) where my responsibility is to identify worthy causes.