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SOFTWARE ENGINEER · GLASGOW, UK · REMOTE-FIRST

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Software engineer with two years in banking, building Java and React services. I tend to build the internal tools nobody asked for: a mock data service six engineers used every day, and an evidence tool I demoed to around forty. I moved into software from sports science, through a bootcamp and an apprenticeship I finished with a Distinction while working full time. Learning Go and Python next.

EXPERIENCE

JPMorgan Chase Software Engineer

MAR 2026 - PRESENT · GLASGOW

- Develop and support a high-throughput distributed platform that validates people and payments: Spring microservices, React, Kafka and SQL, shipped with Docker and CI/CD.
- Built the integration for a new device-risk assessment service, working with a domain expert.
- Built an evidence tool that turns screenshots, recordings and API test runs into a standard HTML report attached to each ticket. Demoed to around 40 engineers.
- Noticed a monitoring datasource in the test environment had been missing for years, and fixed it (Grafana, Prometheus).

Lloyds Banking Group Software Engineer

SEP 2024 - FEB 2026 · EDINBURGH

- Helped modernise a legacy server-rendered business banking page into Spring microservices with a React front end, without a big-bang rewrite: the old pages returned JSON first, so the new front end was built against real data while the old one kept running.
- Average page load roughly halved, from about 2 seconds to under 1.
- Built a mock data service that six engineers used daily instead of hand-writing test fixtures.
- Closed 80+ tickets in two months across backend and testing in the first phase, alongside one other engineer.

OVO Energy Zero Carbon Living Advisor

OCT 2023 - AUG 2024 · GLASGOW

- Advised customers on low-carbon home energy in a regulated business.

EDUCATION

Software Engineering Apprenticeship , Firebrand	2024-2025 · DISTINCTION
Completed while working full time at Lloyds	
Software Engineering Bootcamp , Digital Futures	2023 · MERIT
MSc Sports & Exercise Science and Medicine , University of Glasgow	2020-2021 · MERIT
BSc Physiology , University of Glasgow	2016-2020 · 2:1

SKILLS

LANGUAGES	Java, JavaScript, SQL
BACKEND	Spring Boot, Microservices, Kafka, JUnit, Mockito
FRONTEND	React
DELIVERY	Docker, CI/CD, Grafana, Prometheus, Splunk
LEARNING	Go, Python

Projects, most of which you can run: maxblaschek.com/work