

# Simon Frankau

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**Date of Birth:** 17 April 1979  
**Marital Status:** Single  
**Nationality:** British

## Education:

- 2000–present: **University of Cambridge: PhD in Computer Science (in progress)**  
“Hardware Synthesis from a Stream-Processing Functional Language”  
Investigating the use of limited functional languages to describe algorithms for implementation in hardware. The focus is on treating I/O ports as lazy lists and investigating possible evaluation models.
- 1997–2000: **University of Cambridge: BA (Hons) in Computer Science**  
Part IA: First in Maths with Computer Science  
Part IB: Top First in Computer Science  
Part II: High First  
Final year dissertation was a synthesis tool to convert static Java bytecode to RTL Verilog.
- 1992–1997: **Wycliffe College, Gloucestershire**  
A-levels in Mathematics (A), Further Mathematics (A), Physics (A), Chemistry (A) and Computing (A). STEP Maths II (1) and III (S).  
6 A\*s, 4 As at GCSE.

## Experience:

- 2000–present: **Undergraduate Teaching**  
*Computer Laboratory, University of Cambridge*  
Supervised students for courses including Java, Electronic CAD, VLSI, Logic and Proof, Computer Design, Compiler Construction, Computation Theory and Computer Graphics and Image Processing.
- 2000: **Graphics Engine Developer**  
*Frontier Development, Cambridge*  
Developed new mesh management system from scratch, including level of detail and shadowing.
- 1995: **Tester and Junior Programmer**  
*MRG Systems, Stroud*  
Work experience leading to a Summer job testing, debugging and extending a display system manager.

### Technical Skills:

- Development experience in C, Java, ML, Verilog and C++.
- Knowledge of other languages including assembly language (ARM, MIPS, x86, Z80), scripting (Bourne shell, Python, Perl) and interpreted languages (Lisp, Prolog, Smalltalk-80, PostScript).
- Development using Unix tools (including make, CVS, lex/yacc) and MS Visual Studio.
- Linux system administration (Debian) including Bind and Apache (including 4 years managing college student webserver).
- Good writing skills, document preparation with L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.
- Wide computer science knowledge including algorithms, compiler design, computer architecture, graphics and operating systems.
- Highly motivated and fast learner.

### Papers and Awards:

- “Stream Processing Hardware from Functional Language Specifications”  
with A. Mycroft, HICSS-36
- Addison-Wesley Prize in Computer Science, 1999
- Gummer Scholarship (St. John’s College, Cambridge)
- Wright Prize (St. John’s College, Cambridge)

### Interests:

- **Reading:** Classic novels, science fiction and computer science
- **Music:** Listening, classical piano (grade 7) and electric guitar
- **Go** (5 kyu) (oriental “surrounding chess”)
- **Judo** (4 kyu)
- **Mathematics**
- **Travel**

### Referees:

*Available on request*