

Judges Panel - SDP Final Day

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University of Edinburgh, School of Informatics

Ali King

Senior Software Engineer @ Fanduel



Ali King works as a Senior Software Engineer on the Data team at FanDuel, building robust, scalable data import processes using Hadoop, Spark, Hive, Redshift and Python. Her previous experience covers data-focused programming in the public and private sectors, contracting, startups, and open source. She also gives the occasional conference talk (most recently at Data Driven Innovation in Rome), and organises coding-related events at Girl Geek Scotland.

Andre Tamm

Software Development Engineer@Amazon



I'm an Edinburgh University alumnus and during my time here was involved in SDP first as a student and then as a mentor; now I've come back as a judge to finish the circle. I've worked at companies like Metaswitch, Crocodile Clips and finally landed at the Amazon Development Centre in Edinburgh where I'm working with large-scale data processing (e.g. Spark) and machine-learning systems.

Bridget Khursheed

Documentation Manager @ KAL



Bridget Khursheed is Documentation Manager at KAL and loves robot (and regular) football. She has qualifications from the University of Oxford in both English and Computing; also studying at Ohio State University. An information design, UI and elearning specialist, she has spoken at conferences in Europe and North America. Bridget designed some of the earliest UK intranets for companies such as Eurostar. While working in Technology-Assisted Lifelong Learning, she also developed, managed, and tutored on, the University of Oxford's first ever online course in Computing. Bridget is both geek and poet: recently receiving a Scottish Book Trust New Writers Award.

Ceri Shaw

Engineering Manager @FreeAgent



Ceri has been developing software for almost 15 years in a variety of languages from C++ to Ruby. She is currently an Engineering Manager at FreeAgent where she leads a team developing new features for our cloud based accounting software. She loves the challenge of figuring out how to develop the right software and much to her own surprise really enjoys being a technical manager as well.

Matthew Bunn

Integration Manager @ Accenture



I joined Accenture in July 2013 and work as an Integration Manager within the company's Digital Interactive Delivery practice. I am involved in delivering digital transformation projects, with a focus on eCommerce. Recently I have been involved in developing microservices solutions and the move away from monolithic application architecture.

Our projects are increasingly delivered using agile development methodologies. I have gained certifications in the Scrum and Scaled Agile for Enterprise frameworks, as within Accenture we often apply these approaches in project delivery.

Prior to joining Accenture I worked at the University of Edinburgh, where I also studied in the School of Informatics. I completed my MSc in Informatics in 2012, having previously gained a BA in Business Management from Newcastle University.

Nick Johnson

Software Engineer @ Google (London Office)



Nick Johnson is a Software Engineer in Google's London office. He has been at Google for almost 6 years, working on a variety of different projects and teams, including being the Technical Lead for multiple AdSense APIs and on AdSense for iPhone. His current focus is on building a world-class Google Calendar experience for the iOS platform. Nick received his Bachelor of Science, with Honors, from the University of Edinburgh and his PhD from Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh. His thesis was on "The Design and Implementation of a System for the Automatic Generation of Narrative Debriefs for Autonomous Underwater Vehicle Missions. Nick did his final project at Edinburgh on robotics (with Prof. Webb as his supervisor). He was twice on the winning team at the

"Student Autonomous Underwater Competition - Europe" (SAUC-E)? He co-captained the first win, and Sandy Enoch was one of his teammates.

Sandy Enoch

Founder of Robotical



Sandy recently completed his PhD in robotics at the University of Edinburgh, and is now the founder of a local startup - Robotical. Robotical makes Marty the Robot, a little two legged robot designed to help teach robotics from primary school right up to university level. Marty started out as a side project during Sandy's PhD, and Sandy was then supported by the Royal Academy of Engineering to commercialise the technology. Having successfully crowdfunded, Marty the Robot is in manufacture now and Robotical is growing as a company. During his PhD, Sandy was an SDP mentor three

times.

Stefan Sabev

Product Manager @ Skyscanner



Having gone through the awesome journey that is SDP, Stefan went on to work full time at Skyscanner, where he worked part time during semester. He has worn many hats as a Software engineer, Data Scientist, Business Strategy Exec (don't ask) and finally landed as a Product Manager at Skyscanner. For the past year he has been heading the Bots team, which has so far released Messenger and Skype bots and an Alexa skill. His interests include making really cool things that make people's lives easier.