

## Curriculum Vitae : Matthew West

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- EDUCATION** **Sheffield University**, Sheffield, England  
BEng in Electronic Engineering, 2000  
Thesis: A Fourier Domain Image Processing Library  
**Sharnbrook Upper School**, Bedford, England  
A-levels in Maths(A), Physics(A), Economics(C), General Studies(C), 1995
- TRAINING** **Lighting Control** Pulsar Masterpiece, Avolites Pearl, Strand Genius Pro, WholeHog 2, ETC  
Obsession 2, Martin LightJockey, GrandMA, Jands Vista, Chamsys MagicQ  
**Moving Lights** Martin University and Mac 2000, High End Studio Series, DHA Light Curtain  
Fall Arrest and Rescue in Theatres
- SKILLS** **Lighting Control** Avolites, Hogs, Strand, Zero88, Jands  
**Moving Lights** Martin, High End, Clay Paky, Studio Due, Strand  
**Computing** Programming(C++, Java, Ruby), Operating Systems(Windows, Linux, Mac Os X), Dynamic web site creation(HTML, Rails, SQL etc)  
I have a current driving licence
- EMPLOYMENT** **Software Testing** Avolites (Mar 2007 - Present)  
Working with Avolites' software developers testing new versions of software for their Pearl, Pearl Expert and Diamond 4 consoles, and writing test procedures for other testers to use.  
**Freelance Lighting Technician** Various (February 2003 - Present)  
Worked for a number of companies in a variety of situations rigging and operating lights.
- **Theatre** Cats, Grease, Carousel, Fiddler on the Roof
  - **Locations** Grovesner Ho, Glastonbury, Banqueting Ho, Billingsgate Market, Vinopolis, many Marquees and more
  - **Companies** Starlight, Spirit Design, Dream Events, Planit Events among others
- Agency Work** Bedford (November 2002 - May 2003)  
Worked in a number of situations for job agencies, learnt to adapt to different working environments quickly.
- Senior Technician** Stage Electrics, Bristol (June 2000 - May 2002)
- Manage a team of 3 full-time employees and some casuals.
  - Oversee and advise on the maintenance and preparation of one of the biggest hire stocks of moving lights in Europe to consistently high standards and strict deadlines.
  - Provide technical support to customers and other departments.
  - Train customers and staff in the use and repair of equipment.
  - Work with manufacturers to improve equipment.
  - Work on site to install and operate event lighting.
- Control Technician** Stage Electrics, Bristol (October 1999 - June 2000)  
Worked as part of a team to prepare and maintain lighting equipment, and contributed to the planning of new warehouse. Took on some of the responsibilities detailed above.
- Conference Technician** Octagon Centre, Sheffield (August 1998 - October 1999)  
Set up and operated the lighting for a number of events.
- Local Crew** Sheffield University Student Union (September 1995 - October 1999)
- Worked as part of a team to set up and remove equipment for Student Union discos and gigs.
  - Managed crews of up to 16 people to set up events to tight deadlines.
  - Liaised with venue management, band management, safety officers, security staff and road crews.
- Agency Work** Sheffield (October 1997 - October 1999)
- INTERESTS** Computer programming, playing the guitar, live music, cycling