

UMAR HASSAN | DATA JOURNALIST

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SKILLS

Create data visualisations using R, Tableau, Flourish and Datawrapper; Fluent in using the WordPress Content Management System; Utilised Microsoft Excel functions such as SUM, VLOOKUP and COUNTIF for cleaning and analysing datasets; Up-to-date media law knowledge; Managed Facebook and Twitter social media accounts for publications such as theCheckeredFlag.co.uk and The Scratch; Organise and prioritise working on several projects at once to tight deadlines.

EXPERIENCE

Birmingham Eastside - Reporter

Sep 2020 - present

Pursued data stories within the Birmingham area around education and politics while covering a story on how [almost half of total budgeted funds in Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council being left unspent](#) in the first four years of the council's accounts.

Freelance Journalist

Jan 2019 - present

Worked with [HuffPost UK](#), [The Overtake](#), [DatacenterDynamics](#) and others to produce content across the sport, data, and technology beats. Interviewed [Jim Rosenthal](#) and [Louise Goodman](#) for Journo Resources "A Day in the Life" interview series.

The Economist - Data Journalist

Mar 2021 - Apr 2021

Planned and researched potential stories to pitch to the Daily chart editor around heavyweight boxing and internet freedom. Used Freedom House Freedom on the Net Survey to create a two-panel chart to The Economist Data Team's house style.

Computer Business Review - Reporter

May 2018 - Aug 2018

Reported on news and feature stories within the B2B IT sector, including an exclusive story on the [£500 million Brexit data centre contract tender](#) while covering the company accounts for each yearly quarter for companies such as [AMD](#), [Intel](#) and [Tableau](#).

DESIblitz.com - Junior Writer

Jan 2018 - Apr 2018

Delivered trending British Asian news and feature articles on technology and sport, including the [2018 WWE Royal Rumble](#) event to [5G](#) as well as the latest smartphone releases from [Huawei](#) and [Samsung](#).

EDUCATION

Birmingham City University, 2020 - present, Master of Arts Data Journalism