ABIEZER "ABE" REYES

FULL-STACK DEVELOPER

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Building software since 2016, shipping to production since 2023. I go deep on fundamentals and stay current on patterns - the engineers I respect most never stop sharpening their tools, and neither do I.

Before tech, I led a five-person medic team in the Army and earned three promotions at Toyota over seven years.

What's stayed consistent: I stay calm when things break, I explain technical stuff so it makes sense the first time, and I follow through on what I say I'll do.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Frontend & UI Systems
React, Next.js, TypeScript, Tailwind, Visual Page Builders (Puck), WYSIWYG Editors (TipTap), Drag-and-Drop

Backend & Data
Node.js, REST APIs, PostgreSQL, Supabase, Redis Caching, Schema Design, Zod Validation

Testing & Quality
Playwright E2E (68 tests), Vitest, WCAG AA Accessibility, Storybook, CI/CD, Git

Integrations
Stripe Payments, OAuth (Google, NextAuth), React Email, OpenAI/GPT, Vector Embeddings

Architecture
165+ Components, Custom Hooks, Context Providers, Optimistic Updates, Cache-Aside Pattern

Design & Process
Mobile-First, Dark Mode, Figma, Component Libraries, Test-Driven Development

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Full Stack Developer   November 2025 – Present
needthisdone.com | Professional Services Platform

- Built a visual editor where you drag and drop 30+ building blocks to create pages, edit text directly on the page, and undo changes with version history. Non-technical users can update content without touching code

- Organized the codebase into 165 reusable components and 72 backend endpoints. Cart updates show instantly without loading spinners, and pages load fast thanks to smart caching

- Wrote 68 automated tests that simulate real users clicking through the site. Built a color system that passes accessibility checks so text is readable for everyone, including in dark mode

- Connected the site to AI for a chatbot that understands questions, Google for login and calendar scheduling, Stripe for payments, and automated emails for order confirmations

Technical Operations Specialist

Spring 2025 - Winter 2025

Acadio | Educational Platform for Financial Certifications

- Started as a contractor doing API integration work at an early-stage startup. Proved value quickly and got brought on for expanded responsibilities

- Became the person the CEO came to with technical questions because my explanations made sense to him

- Automated the repetitive stuff that was slowing the team down so people could focus on work that actually mattered

- Handled data migrations during client onboarding. Turned multi-day headaches into same-day completions while improving accuracy

Freelance Web Developer

January 2023 - March 2024

Self-Employed | Independent Contractor

- Built websites and automation tools for clients while learning the craft

- Went from studying tutorials to building things clients actually use

Finance Manager

Spring 2017 - Winter 2023

Toyota of Orlando | Salesperson → Sales Manager → Finance Manager

- Earned three promotions over seven years at a high-volume dealership moving 10-30 cars daily

- Worked with 3-7 customers daily, walking them through their options and putting together financing across different lenders

- Built trust with customers by explaining options clearly. Became the go-to person when teammates had complicated deals

Military Enrollment Counselor

2012 - 2017

Full Sail University | International Admissions → Military Student Services

- Started in International Admissions, then moved to Military Student Services where my Army background gave me credibility with veterans navigating civilian life

- Guided service members and families through GI Bill benefits, program costs, and fitting education around military schedules

Combat Medic, Corporal (E-4)

1996 - 2001

U.S. Army | Fort Hood, TX & Fort Bragg, NC

- Led a team of 3 medics and 2 combat lifesavers. Delivered emergency care where mistakes cost lives and hesitation wasn't an option

- Learned to stay calm under pressure, follow protocols precisely, and take responsibility for my team's performance

FEATURED PROJECT

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- Full-stack Next.js application serving real customers in production

- Designed PostgreSQL database schema for users, products, orders, and payments

- Type-safe TypeScript throughout with Zod validation on API boundaries

- Admin dashboard for business operations and order management

- Stripe payment integration with secure checkout flows

- Ship reliably with Playwright E2E tests, Vitest unit tests, and CI/CD

  React/Next.js • TypeScript • Zod • Node.js • PostgreSQL/Supabase • Redis • Stripe • Playwright • Vercel

EDUCATION

Full Sail University (2016 - 2017): Web Design & Development coursework, 4.0 GPA. Started learning web development here and haven't stopped since.

Self-Directed Learning (2016 - 2023): Eight years of consistent skill development while working full-time. Progressed from tutorials to building production applications. This sustained commitment built the foundation for professional development work.

Structured Coursework (2023 - Present): freeCodeCamp Full Stack Developer Certification (in progress), Khan Academy CS Principles (100% mastery), Vue.js Complete Guide, 100 Days of Code. Filling in gaps and sharpening skills I've been building for years.

U.S. Army Medical Department Center & School (1996 - 2001): Combat Medic certification. Graduated top 10% of class.

BOOKS THAT SHAPED HOW I WORK

The Pragmatic Programmer by David Thomas & Andrew Hunt — Taught me to write code that's easy to change later and to fix small problems before they become big ones. I liked the ideas so much I built tools to check my own work against them.

Algorithms to Live By by Brian Christian & Tom Griffiths — Shows how the same thinking that solves computer problems can help with everyday decisions. It's why I focus on understanding how things work instead of just memorizing steps.