



Aspiring Backend Developer

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Who You Are as a Person

Share something about your background, interests, or values.

I've always had an interest in technology and problem-solving. Outside of coding, I value independence, focus, and continuous learning. I've worked in leadership roles like managing a cigar/hookah lounge, which taught me responsibility and adaptability. I also have a strong creative side — I enjoy art of many forms and hope to integrate it into my technical work in the future.

Give a glimpse of what drives you beyond just technical skills.

What drives me is the challenge of learning and mastering new concepts, as well as the satisfaction of seeing an idea come to life. I'm motivated by growth, by improving myself each day, and by creating tools that can make workflows and systems more efficient for myself and others.



Your Goals

What you hope to achieve during and after the program.

During the program, I want to sharpen my technical foundation, apply what I learn in real-world projects, and build the discipline to push through challenges.

Short-term and/or long-term aspirations.

Short-term, I aim to earn certifications such as AWS Certified Developer – Associate or Microsoft Azure Fundamentals, which will help me step into beginner to mid-level backend development roles. Long-term, I want to become highly skilled in backend development, pursue senior-level positions, and eventually work on technology that benefits a large number of people.



Your Track

Which specialization you've chosen: Cybersecurity or Back-End Web Development.

I've chosen Back-End Web Development.

Why you chose it.

I chose backend web development because I enjoy editing code, debugging, and seeing the results appear on a webpage. I like tackling complex systems and fixing connections, and backend allows me to focus deeply on building and improving the “engine” behind the scenes.



Your Current Project

Brief description of the project you are working on.

This project is **InkConnect**, a backend API platform built to connect tattoo artists and visual artists with clients seeking custom work. It provides secure authentication, artist portfolio management, and commission request tracking, while laying the groundwork for future features such as search, messaging, and notifications to support a thriving creative marketplace.

Your role, what excites you about it, and any challenges you're solving.

In these projects, I serve as the developer responsible for both building the core functionality and refining the user experience. I'm excited by the challenge of turning raw code into something interactive and usable. The main challenges I solve are debugging, performance optimization, and finding ways to balance technical precision with creativity.

