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Professional Summary

I'm a Software Developer with a curious mind, a collaborative spirit, and a past life in administration that taught me how to stay organized, adaptable, and human-centered in everything I build.

After years of managing systems, streamlining workflows, and supporting teams across different industries, I made the leap into tech to create user-first digital experiences. I now specialize in front-end development (HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Vue.js), backed by a growing foundation in back-end logic (PHP, Laravel, MySQL). I've also worked hands-on with UI/UX tools like Figma and have a deep respect for accessibility and clean design.

Currently on a short-term dev contract, I'm building real-world tools, leveling up my skills, and preparing for my next step-a fully remote opportunity where I can contribute to meaningful software and grow with purpose. Over time, I hope to relocate to Eastern Canada to align my career with personal goals for balance, community, and pace of life.

Skills & Competencies

Web Development

- HTML, CSS, JavaScript, PHP, TypeScript
- Vue.js, Laravel (Blade templating, API integration)
- Docker, Git/GitHub, Linux CLI
- MySQL, RESTful APIs
- Tailwind CSS, Bootstrap
- IntelliJ IDEA, VS Code

UI/UX Design

- Wireframing & Prototyping (Figma, Adobe XD, Sketch)
- User Research & Usability Testing
- Information Architecture & User Flows
- Accessible, responsive interface design (WCAG)
- Visual Design, Branding, and Interaction Design

Soft Skills

- Attention to Detail & Data Integrity
- Self-Directed & Communicative
- Agile Collaboration & Teamwork
- Critical Thinking & Adaptability

Education

Web Development and Internet Applications Fundamentals Certificate

Conestoga College - Waterloo, ON

September 2024 - April 2025

Office Administration Certificate

Conestoga College - Kitchener, ON

September 2017 - April 2018

Professional Experience

Software Developer (Contract)

Melloul-Blamey Construction - Kitchener, ON

April 2025 - Present

- Contributed to internal applications using Vue.js, Laravel, TypeScript, and PHP
- Developed in a Linux/Docker environment with IntelliJ IDEA
- Integrated front-end components with backend APIs
- Participated in sprint planning, code reviews, and agile development workflows
- Prioritized accessibility and responsive design across the board

Previous Administrative Roles (2020-2024)

Various Companies including Krug Inc., Manulife, Islands West Produce, DP Drilling

- Supported internal operations, data entry, workflow optimization, and customer service
- Strengthened communication, organization, and process improvement skills

Relevant Projects

Full-Stack Web Application (Academic Project)

- Built a dynamic app using HTML, CSS, JS, and PHP with a MySQL database
- Implemented CRUD functionality and responsive layouts

User-Centered Website Redesign

- Conducted user research, testing, and accessibility reviews
- Created responsive Figma prototypes based on research insights

Interactive Mobile App Prototype

- Designed a high-fidelity app prototype using Adobe XD
- Focused on clear navigation, feedback loops, and WCAG-compliant visuals

Additional Information

- Available for immediate remote opportunities
- Actively learning, building, and open to mentorship and collaboration
- Long-term goal: Relocate to Eastern Canada for a more balanced, community-driven lifestyle