

Blake Lawrence

Front-End Developer

Front-end developer with experience building accessible, user-friendly websites and applications with web technologies including HTML, CSS, JavaScript and React.

A friendly, approachable and highly organised team player who collaborates and communicates effectively.

Employment History

Full Stack Boot camp at School of Code

MAY 2022 – SEPTEMBER 2022

A 16-week, full time boot camp full of learning, team work, collaboration and industry added value from experts and personal weekly mentors

What I learnt:

- How to design, engineer and deploy full stack applications using various front end and back end tools and frameworks
- TDD (Jest and React testing library)
- GitHub workflows: branching strategies, merging, pull requests, code reviews
- UI/UX including wire framing, user stories and ideation techniques
- Accessibility and multi-device responsiveness
- Agile methodology: Stand ups, Retrospectives, Pair programming, Project teamwork
- Growth mindset training
- Presentation skills

My work

Project Clean-up:

An app for users to create litter clean-up events.

- Developed a full stack application using modern web technologies
- Learnt Tailwind on the go to help team with easier styling
- Held a Tailwind demonstration for my team after hours to speed up their learning
- Learnt new technologies such as Formik for forms, Yup for validation and Toastify for custom pop-up messages
- Built out the map features using leaflet maps API
- Designed and programmed the main weather widget using the open Weather API
- Completed the majority of our application's styling and responsiveness using Tailwind CSS
- Key decision maker and visionary within my project group

Details

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Links

[GitHub](#)

[LinkedIn](#)

[Portfolio website](#)

Skills

HTML/CSS

JavaScript

React

Tailwind CSS

GitHub

Agile

Node.js

PostgreSQL

Hobbies

some things I enjoy:

- Music
- Cooking
- Fishing, hiking, kayaking

Squatify:

A playful squat counter app (based on spotifys theme) to track daily squats

- A side project I initiated with 3 other fellow boot campers on weekends
- Successfully lead the project through from design to creation
- Used time to focus on ticket completion and pair programming to tackle various tasks
- Learnt styled components

Sales Manager at Encore Global, London

JULY 2023

Sales Manager for a global Audio Visual company specialising in high end corporate events from conferences to awards evenings and gala dinners.

- CRM Management
- Proactive lead development
- Forecasting and presentation of financial data to key stakeholders
- main point of contact for large events within the Park Plaza Hotel group to ensure clear and professional levels of communication are maintained

Seeking Opportunities, London

SEPTEMBER 2022 – JULY 2023

During this period post boot camp, I focused on searching for job opportunities in the tech industry and took on various short contracts in order to sustain an income.

The competitive tech market lead to the decision to take on my current role at Encore until I find a suitable developer role.

Covid-19 Study Worker at Pertemps (on behalf of ONS), London

SEPTEMBER 2020 – APRIL 2022

During this period, I discovered front-end web development and used my spare time to work on building skills through Udemy.

Technical Events Manager at AVC Live Ltd

MARCH 2007 – MARCH 2020

My career, up until the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 (above) was in the Audio visual industry, specifically Live events.

I held a range of positions from junior technician through to Senior Technical Events Manager.

Education

HND, Performing Arts Technology at Durban University of Technology, Durban

Audio Engineering, Lighting Design, Video, Stage and Theatre History

Courses

Full Stack Boot Camp (full time) at School Of Code

MAY 2022 – SEPTEMBER 2022

Colt Steel's Web Development Bootcamp at Udemy

AUGUST 2020