

BLAKE LAWRENCE

< JUNIOR FULL-STACK DEVELOPER />

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Development Skills

HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript, React, Next JS, Tailwind, TypeScript, Node JS, Express JS, PostgreSQL, RESTful API, VSCode, UI/UX



Testing & Deployment

Jest, Cypress, Netlify, Heroku



Planning & Projects

Git, GitHub, Trello, Figma, Miro



Curious about learning

C#, .NET, GraphQL, PHP, Docker



Education

HND Performing Arts Technology
Durban University of Technology, South Africa

Matric (A Levels)
Glenwood Boys High School, South Africa



About

When I'm not coding or learning new things about coding, you will most likely find me in the ocean foraging for fresh seafood, hiking with friends or on a long open water swim.

I also enjoy learning all sorts of new skills on YouTube (from computer networking to horticulture, I am always learning new things).

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< Personal Profile />

With personal and boot camp experience, I specialize in JavaScript and associated frameworks, and have a track record of delivering high-quality projects.

I am passionate about development and enjoy solving problems using innovative solutions. My keen eye for detail and ability to work well under pressure make me a valuable asset to any team, and I am excited to continue developing my skills in a challenging and dynamic environment.

< Recent Experience />

Full Stack Development Bootcamp | Apr '22 – Aug '22

School of Code

- Designed, engineered and deployed multiple full stack apps in Agile teams.
- Collaborated in various team structures from pair programming to a 6 person team on a month long project.
- Presented work after weekly hackathons.
- TDD, Agile, UI/UX Principles.
- Mindset coaching and mentoring from Industry experts.

Projects:

Project Cleanup – Final Project (4 weeks)

An app enabling people to create or join litter cleaning events to aid in the reduction of pollution.

Personal contributions:

- Helped drive team decisions forward.
- Configured Leaflet maps.
- Helped program the weather widget using openWeather's API.
- Key contributor to styling and responsiveness with Tailwind.
- Created the database scripts, backend routing and functionality.

Project takeaways::

- Learnt new skills including NextJS, Tailwind, Formik and map integration.
- Further experience gained with Cypress and Jest.
- Learnt new Git branching strategies.
- Focused on Agile working with sprints, stand up meetings, retrospectives and tickets.

Sourcery – One week Project

An app that enables School of Code students to post resources that other students may find useful.

Project takeaways:

- Cemented the fundamentals of React.
- Practiced UI / UX principles of ideating, planning, designing and wireframing.
- Learnt how to perform code reviews and create project documentation.

< Other Experience />

• Covid19 Data Collector | Sept '20 – Mar '22

A job I took on during Covid, while the events industry was shut down.

• Freelance AV Specialist | Apr '18 – Mar '20

• Technical Events Manager | Oct '13 – Mar '18

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- Managed all technical aspects of events for up to 1000 people
- Examples of clients include Splunk, MuleSoft, Thomson Reuters, Boston Consulting
- Consistent high Annual Turnover of approx. £1.2 million