

BLAKE LAWRENCE

< JUNIOR FULL-STACK DEVELOPER />

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Development Skills

HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript, Object oriented programming (OOP), 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



Currently learning

OOP with JavaScript



Soft Skills

Confident presenter, Team work, communication, collaboration, organisation



Education

HND Performing Arts Technology
Durban University of Technology, South Africa



About

When not at my PC, you might find me spearfishing, camping, hiking with friends or on a long open water swim... I love the outdoors.

I am curious by nature and enjoy learning all sorts of new skills by reading and watching tutorials. I have fixed car problems, renovated my flat, learnt to play instruments and even cooked Michelin style dishes.

Personal Profile

With a strong foundation in both front-end and back-end development, I have experience building responsive and user-friendly websites and applications using various technologies such as HTML, CSS, JavaScript, React, Node.js, and PostgreSQL.

Throughout my boot camp education and previous career, I have developed a keen eye for detail and am dedicated to delivering high-quality work to the best of my ability.

I thrive in collaborative environments and am eager to work alongside talented developers to bring projects to life and improve other peoples lives through technology.

Recent Experience

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

School of Code

- Designed, engineered and deployed 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.
- Learnt TDD, Agile and UI/UX Principles and methodologies.
- Mindset coaching and mentoring from Industry experts.

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:

- Instrumental in helping drive team decisions forward.
- Configured Leaflet maps.
- Designed and programmed the weather widget using openWeather's API.
- Core 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.
- 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.

Previous Experience

Sept '22 - present

My focus since completing the School of Code boot camp has been to keep a basic income while continuing to learn in my free time, until i gain full-time employment as a developer.

- I currently work at a friends successful street food business in Central London.

Sept '20 -Mar 22 | Covid19 Data Collector

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

Apr '18 - Mar '20 | Freelance AV Engineer

Responsible for operation of specialist Audio and Video equipment on live events

Oct '13 - Mar '18 | Technical Events Manager

PSAV (now Encore Global)

- 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