BLAKE LAWRENCE

FRONT END DEVELOPER

DETAILS

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LINKS

GitHub

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Portfolio website

SKILLS

JavaScript

React

Tailwind CSS

HTML/CSS

GitHub

Agile

Node.Js

PostgreSQL

HOBBIES

some things I enjoy:
- Music
- Cooking
- Fishing, hiking, kayaking

PROFILE

A passionate Front end developer who is highly organised with an eye for detail and meticulous nature.

Proficient in designing and building websites and applications using HTML, CSS, JavaScript and associated frameworks.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Sales Manager, Encore Global
London
Jul 2023

Currently employed as a Sales Manager at Encore Global, a global Audio Visual company. (my original career prior to focusing on moving into the tech industry).

I consult with clients and sell them the perfect audio visual solution for their events.

- Problem solving and constant adaptation to change
- Sole point of contact for clients technical requirements
- High levels of organisation and communication required
- Forecasting and presentation of financial data on a weekly basis
- stakeholder management and relationship building

Seeking Opportunities
London
Sep 2022 — Jul 2023

During the period immediately after the School of Code boot camp, I focused on searching for job opportunities in the tech industry. To keep an income, i took on various unrelated short contracts.

With a lack of opportunity and the need to fulfil financial responsibilities, I made the tough decision to return to my previous industry (Audio Visual - see sales role above).

Full Stack Development Bootcamp, School of Code
London
May 2022 — Sep 2022

This is where my dream became a reality.

A 16-week full time boot camp and overall incredible journey of learning, team work, collaboration and industry added value. A truly amazing organisation founded on the dream of bringing a diverse range of backgrounds, cultures and talent to the world of technology.

- Designed, engineered and deployed full stack applications using web technologies such as HTML, CSS, JavaScript, React, Node JS, postgreSQL and much more
- Accessibility and multi-device responsive design
- Agile environment with daily pair programming and project teamwork
- TDD (Jest and React testing library)
- UI / UX Principles and methodologies, wire-framing and user stories.
- GitHub project workflows, pull requests, code reviews, branching techniques.
- Writing documentation and peer reviews

Final Project

Project Cleanup:

An app to create or join litter cleaning events

- Developed a full stack web application using modern technologies such as React, Node.js, and postgreSQL
- Instrumental in helping drive team decisions forward
- Designed and programmed a weather widget using open Weather's API
- Core contributor to styling and responsiveness using Tailwind CSS

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

Sep 2020 — Apr 2022

A role to keep an income and remain busy during COVID-19.

During this time I discovered front end web development and used every minute of spare time to develop my very first front end development skills with HTML, CSS and JavaScript on Udemy.

It became very clear that I had a strong passion for developing and this cemented my decision to join the *School of Code* boot camp above (luckily being selected over 3000 other applicants).

Technical Events Manager, AVC Live Ltd

Mar 2007 — Mar 2020

My career from 2007 up until the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 (above) was in the Audio visual industry, specifically corporate Live events.

I held a range of positions from live event technician through to my last position of Technical events manager before COVID struck.

Since leaving my career behind in 2020 and discovering my passion for development during COVID, I have remained incredibly focused and determined to work in the tech industry.

Since finishing the School of Code boot camp in 2022 where I gained the skills required for an entry level role, I have struggled to find opportunities which has ultimately lead to my return to the Audio Visual industry. I see this as a short term blip and will never give up on this dream.

If you would like to take a chance on a determined career changer with professional experience, someone who will ask the right questions when they need to, someone with bundles of passion, someone who desires purpose and meaning in their new career, someone who wants to succeed, someone who has empathy and understands what a great team should look like, then please get in touch.

I am eager to learn and extremely excited to add value to your organisation.

EDUCATION

HND, Performing Arts Technology, Durban University   Durban
of Technology

Audio, Lighting, Video, Stage Technology

COURSES

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

May 2022 — Sep 2022

Colt Steel's Web Development Bootcamp, Udemy

Aug 2020