

Blake Lawrence

Junior Software Developer


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PERSONAL SUMMARY

A junior developer with 1 year combined personal and bootcamp experience in JavaScript, React, Node and postgreSQL.

As a career changer with 10 years professional experience, I am organised and meticulous, accustomed to solving problems every day and thrive under pressure.

Moving over to the tech industry is the best decision I have ever made and I look forward to succeeding in my new career as a Software Developer.

EXPERIENCE

Software Development bootcamp (April 2022 - August 2022)
School of Code

Overview
A 16 week intensive bootcamp that taught us to understand the full application life cycle.

Project Cleanup - Final project (duration - 4 weeks)
My team and I designed and built an app enabling people to create or join litter cleaning events to aid in the reduction of the world's pollution.

- Key contributions:**
- Helped drive team decisions forward
 - Configured Leaflet Maps
 - Programmed the Weather Widget
 - Implemented conditional rendering for weather modal
 - Instrumental in styling and responsiveness
 - Created database scripts
 - Engineered the backend routes and functionality

Experience gained:

- Further end-to-end testing with Cypress.
- Sprints, stand-up meetings and retrospectives

CitHub repository: github.com/SchoolOfCode/environment_variables_frontend

Sourcery - Week 9 Project (duration 1 week)

Overview
My team and I engineered an app that enables students to post resources that other students may find useful to overcome blockers.

This project served as invaluable preparation for our final project.

Experience gained:

- Cemented the fundamental concepts of React
- Practiced UI/UX principles in planning
- Code reviews and project documentation

Squatify - side project collaboration

Initiated a side project with 3 other students in order to cement and learn new concepts.

This helped us stay focused on weekends and we learnt further team work and dev skills.

CitHub repository: <https://github.com/BlakeLawrence/Squatify-App>

PREVIOUS CAREER EXPERIENCE

Technical Events Manager (October 2013 - March 2018)
PSAV

Audio Visual Account manager responsible for Live productions from large conferences and AGM's to awards evenings and Gala dinners.

Some of my clients included SAP, Mulesoft, Thomson Reuters, Hitachi and Boston Consulting Group to name a few.

Responsibilities included but not limited to:

- Managed a team of 3 onsite technicians
- Stakeholder management
- Financial reporting

Noteable Achievements:

- Consistent annual turnover of approx £1.2 million per year

Freelance AV Technician (March 2018 - September 2020)

Freelance Audio Visual Technician, operation of technical equipment on Live productions.

WHAT MAKES ME, ME!

Music
I love listening to music and playing instruments. I was once in a covers band as rhythm guitarist.

Sports
I excelled at sports at school and was a competitive swimmer throughout. I enjoy cycling, kayaking, long hikes and triathlons.

Food
I am a foodie at heart, adventurous when trying new flavours and I love to cook.

CORE SKILLS

 JavaScript

 Node.js

 React.js

 Express.js

 HTML

 Jest

 CSS

 PostgreSQL

OTHER SKILLS

- TDD
- Version control via Git and GitHub
- UI/UX Principles
- Postman
- Figma

METHODOLOGIES

- Agile
- Pair programming

SOFT SKILLS

- Confident Presenter
- Curious and motivated
- Organised
- Resourceful

ONLINE COURSES

- Web developer bootcamp
Colt Steele
- Complete JavaScript
Janas Schmedtmann
- Ultimate AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner - 2022
Stephane Maarek

EDUCATION

HND, Performing Arts Technology
Durban Institute of Technology, South Africa