

Devon Gifford

FullStack Developer

A self-taught programmer with a Bachelor's in Business Administration & training in project management. I bring experience in Software Testing gained during my time at a major FAANG company. My passion for full-stack web development drives me to continually expand my expertise. With a diverse range of experiences, I am eager to contribute to team success through hard work, meticulous attention to detail, and creative problem-solving.



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RELEVANT EXPERIENCES

Cognizant — *Locale/Team Lead* 🍏 Apple

June 2022 - December 2022 📍 Madrid, Spain

- Collaborating closely with managers to provide seamless assistance & support, coordinating & reviewing tasks across teams to meet high-quality standards & deadlines.
- Provide direct support and comprehensive guidance to various QA teams, communicated new tasks and objectives effectively, and reported project progress
- Reporting to management with regards to progress, deadlines and problem areas.
- Successfully facilitated onboarding for new team members while providing valuable performance feedback to both management and team members.

Cognizant — *QA/Engineering* 🍏 Apple

September 2021 - December 2022 📍 Madrid, Spain

- Played a pivotal role in comprehensive testing of a widely used AI virtual assistant, collaborating with cross-functional teams and following Agile methodologies.
- Evaluated performance, provided insights for improvements, and proficiently used Python scripting for testing automation in Agile, cross-functional team settings.
- Executed functional, regression, and performance testing, contributing to the software's behavior and system performance through thorough defect identification and documentation.
- Leveraged tailored automation tools and frameworks, including Python/Swift scripting, for NLP software testing, ensuring optimal performance through a combination of manual techniques.
- Performed end-to-end testing, including API analysis, to verify seamless integration and functionality of the AI virtual assistant across multiple domains and systems.

Mashauri Limited — *Web Assistant (Part-time)*

June 2019 - October 2019 📍 Madrid, Spain

- Assisting with website maintenance to ensure a seamless user experience and up-to-date content.
- Leveraging Python's BeautifulSoup library for web scraping, as a lead generation strategy providing valuable data insights for informed decision-making and contributing to business growth.
- Managed and maintained SQL databases to ensure data integrity and efficient information retrieval, contributing to the smooth operation of critical systems and processes
- Playing a key role in supporting a high-profile convention hosted by IE Business School, contributing to event setup and coordination for a seamless experience.

Out-of-the-Cube — *Web Assistant (Start-Up)*

January 2019 - June 2019 📍 Johannesburg, South Africa

Employing SQL database management, Python scripting, and WordPress content management, I contributed to the growth and success of the art auction start-up. I led seamless data migration from Excel to SQL database, maintained data integrity, and optimized website content and product management for a user-friendly experience.

Freelancer — *WordPress Developer (Freelance)*

2017 - January 2019 📍 Cape Town, South Africa

As a WordPress-focused web developer, I have successfully designed and developed responsive, feature-rich websites by customizing themes, integrating plugins, and optimizing performance.

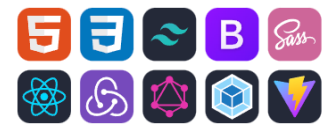
🇬🇧 British Passport holder
🇮🇪 South African Passport holder
🇪🇸 Permanent resident & tax payer in Madrid, Spain

Programming Languages:



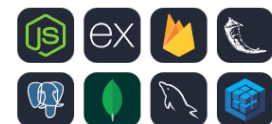
- JavaScript & TypeScript
- Python & Swift

Frontend Stack:



- HTML5 / CSS3
- Tailwind / Bootstrap
- React, NextJS, React Native
- Redux / GraphQL
- WebPack / Vite
- SASS / Styled Components

Backend stack:



- NodeJS, Express
- Firebase & Flask
- PostgreSQL, MongoDB, MySQL

Testing:



- Postman & Jest
- Selenium
- Gherkin / Cucumber

EDUCATION

FullStack Web Development Bootcamp

Zero to Mastery Academy – January 2022 - July 2023

Bachelor in Business Administration & Marketing Management

IMM Graduate School of Marketing – 2014 - 2016

Certificate in Project Management

CTU Stellenbosch Campus – 2012 - 2013

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

St. George International British School – Learning Assistant

October 2019 - September 2021 📍 Spain

HomeAway Country-Guesthouse – General Manager

September 2018 - April 2019 📍 South Africa

HomeAway Country-Guesthouse – Marketing Manager

Jan 2017 - April 2019 📍 South Africa

Digital Marketing & Business Development – Freelance

2016 - September 2018 📍 South Africa

Olive Rock Wedding Venue –Bartender (Part-time)

20013 - 2016 📍 South Africa

Vee’s Video – Store Clerk (Part-time)

2009 - 2011 📍 South Africa

Various Projects, Hackathons & Open Source Contributions

- Design & Hack_ – MLH Hackathon
 - Code Racer- Open Source Contribution
 - Fullstack Spotify Clone – project
 - Fullstack FaceDetection App – project
- Fullstack e-commerce website – project
 - JavaScript AI Pong Game – project
 - Fullstack SaaS AI Platform – project (in progress...)
 - Fullstack NASA Mission Control – project (in progress...)

SOFT SKILLS

- Excellent communication skills, coordinating effectively with both onshore and offshore teams.
- Self-starter capable of working independently and in a team, adaptable to changing priorities.
- Coordinated with multiple departments and teams, resolving issues through verbal & written communication.
- Possesses strong analytical skills, adept at solving problems and collaborating with multiple remote teams.
- Detail-oriented, meticulous, and excellent planning and organizational skills..
- Proven problem-solving and critical thinking abilities to develop innovative solutions.
- Creative and innovative mindset for designing visually appealing website layouts and features.
- Effective time management to handle multiple projects and meet deadlines.
- Collaborative and teamwork-oriented approach to work with cross-functional teams.
- Adaptability to changing technologies and project requirements in web development.
- Strong attention to detail to ensure accuracy and quality in website development and testing.
- Ability to communicate technical concepts effectively to non-technical stakeholders.
- Client-focused approach in understanding and delivering solutions aligned with client goals.
- Passion for continuous learning and staying updated with the latest web development trends.

SPOKEN LANGUAGES

Professional Proficiency

English
Afrikaans

Elementary proficiency

Dutch
Spanish

HOBBIES

Tennis & paddle
Video Games
Bullet chess
Guitar
Gym