

Devon Gifford

Fullstack Developer



With over 5 years in the tech industry, I have specialized in **React & TypeScript**.

Transitioning back into web development, after an invaluable experience in software testing at a major FAANG company.

QUICK LINKS

- [portfolio website](#)
- [linkedin.com/in/dbgifford](#)
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PRIMARY SKILLS

React | Next | Vite | TypeScript
JavaScript | Node | Express | Jest
Vitest | Playwright | Tailwind

SECONDARY SKILLS

Python | Swift | GraphQL | SASS
Redux | Zustand | React Native
MongoDB | PostgreSQL | Docker

EDUCATION

Zero to Mastery Academy
Fullstack Bootcamp
2022 - 2023

IMM Graduate School
Bachelor in Business Administration
2013 - 2016

CTU Training Solutions
Certificate in Project Management
2012 - 2013

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

 **Locale/Team Lead | Cognizant / Apple**
Jan 2022 - Jan 2023 | Madrid, Spain

In addition to my engineering role, I took on leadership responsibilities:

- **Co-led** a division, **directly responsible** for three teams.
- Provided performance feedback reports and **facilitated onboarding**.
- Maintained and **created documentation** to Apple standards.
- **Spearheaded scoping** of new initiatives and complex tasks.

 **Quality Engineer | Cognizant / Apple**
Sep 2021 - Jan 2023 | Madrid, Spain

- **Agile-driven** testing for a widely adopted AI/ML virtual assistant.
- Created & maintained **test automation**, and **triaged results**.
- Conducted **end-to-end testing** with API analysis and detailed **bug reports**.
- Utilizing **Python** and **Swift** for specialized NLP automation tools.

 **Frontend Developer | Mashauri**
Jun 2019 - Oct 2019 | Madrid, Spain

Designed wireframes, developed **landing pages & user forms** using **JavaScript** and **React**, providing **UI/UX design** support for an EdTech startup.

 **Jr Frontend Developer | Out of the Cube**
Jan 2019 - June 2019 | Johannesburg, South Africa

Utilized **HTML/CSS** in conjunction with **JavaScript/jQuery** and a content management system to support the growth of an art auction start-up.

 **WordPress Developer | Freelance**
2015 - Jan 2019 | Cape Town, South Africa

Targeting SMEs within the hospitality sector, developed **user-friendly** websites integrating **booking and ecommerce plugins**, ensuring ongoing maintenance, and aligning branding guidelines to foster **increased engagement & bookings**.

ORGANIZATIONS

 **Zero to Mastery Academy** - Teaching Assistant
June 2023 - present

Recognized for active engagement, **appointed** star-mentor guiding students in React, Next, JavaScript, TypeScript, Node within a **500,000+ member community**.

 **MentorCruise.com** - Mentorship program
Aug 2023 - Jan 2024

Engaged in a paid six-month one-on-one mentorship program with **senior developers**, focusing on best practices and modern testing methodologies through **code reviews** and **paired programming** sessions.

PERSONAL PROJECTS

Flatmate Finder - Vite • Vitest • TypeScript • Firebase • TanStack

A real-world personal project designed to streamline the search for a flatmate. Through a simple form, applicants submit their details, allowing existing tenants to review them in a Tinder-style swipe interface.

Dev Ready - Next14 • TypeScript • Jest • Playwright • ShadCN • CI/CD

An open source full-stack initiative, inspired by ZTM, designed to create an engaging and interactive quiz platform for students. The project aims to empower learning through gamification and dynamic features.

InCard Technical Assessment - Next14 • TypeScript • NextAuth • Jest

Frontend Technical Assessment app for authentication, featuring SSR & CSR pages mirroring InCard's authentication interface.