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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Full-Stack Engineer with a **builder's mindset** forged through 7 years as an electrical/HVAC foreman leading crews on high-stakes projects. **Shipped multiple production applications for real businesses**, including **instant-quote engines, booking systems, 3D virtual-tour platforms**, and AI-powered automotive tools. Strong in **React, Next.js, TypeScript, Python, and Flask**. Known for clean UI, mobile-first UX, and end-to-end ownership from architecture to deployment. **Ready to deliver production-quality frontend and full-stack features on Day 1.**

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Languages:** JavaScript (ES6+), TypeScript, Python, HTML5, CSS3
 - **Frontend:** React 18, Next.js 14, React Hooks, Tailwind CSS, GSAP, Framer Motion, Three.js, Responsive/Mobile-First UX
 - **Backend:** Flask, REST APIs, SQLite, Supabase, Firebase/Firestore, Node.js
 - **Tools:** Git/GitHub, VS Code, Postman, Render, Vercel, Netlify, PythonAnywhere
 - **Concepts:** Authentication (JWT), CRUD, SEO, form validation, state management
 - **Leadership:** Crew management (4–8 people), client communication, scheduling, delivery under pressure
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FEATURED PROJECTS

DSAutoCare.com – Instant Quote + Booking Engine – 2023

Stack: Flask, Tailwind, JavaScript

- Built a real-time pricing calculator delivering **<1s quote generation** for vehicle/year/service combinations
- Implemented booking flow with automated confirmations via Flask-Mail
- Developed an internal admin dashboard (CRM-style) for tracking quotes and bookings
- Designed mobile-first UX for a user base with **98% mobile traffic**

BumperBook – AI-Powered Car Maintenance + Social Platform – 2024 - Present

Stack: Next.js, TypeScript, Supabase, OpenAI API, Cloudinary

- Built AI-generated maintenance timelines using OpenAI API
 - Implemented JWT auth, infinite scroll, likes/comments/shares, and clan-based social groups
 - Designed responsive UI with dark mode and optimized image uploads via Cloudinary
 - Private repo – available for review or live demo
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Portfolio Highlights (github.com/DRidleyS)

- [eCapture.online](#) – Next.js company site serving 3D Matterport home/facility tours with instant loading
- [StarletTattoos.ink](#) – Tattoo studio platform with intake/legal flow, booking, and gallery UX
- [Macbook Pro Sales Page](#) – React + GSAP product page recreation with premium motion design
- **TikTok Clone** – React Native mobile app replicating TikTok's core UX patterns
- **DS Auto Care** – Auto atelier's core platform offering instant quotes, booking, and a bespoke CRM

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lead – Full-Stack Engineer - Starlet Tattoos – 2026 - Present

- Architected and deployed the company's core platform (Next.js + Tailwind)
- Built **interactive tattoo gallery** with **premium UX** and mobile-first design
- Built **intake/legal flow** and integrated **booking system**
- Managed ongoing updates, performance improvements, and client feedback loops

Lead – Full-Stack Engineer - eCapture - 2025 – Present

- Owned architecture and deployment of the company's Next.js platform
- Built **responsive UI** for **seamless 3D virtual-tour viewing**
- Implemented **scalable components** and **optimized load performance**
- Maintained production systems end-to-end, including bug fixes and feature rollouts

Frontend Software Engineer Intern – Frontend Simplified – [Certificate](#) - 2025 - 2026

- Transformed static **React** SPA into an **interactive UI** with animations, transitions, and carousels
- Integrated API data with skeleton loading states, pagination, and dynamic routing
- Collaborated in a virtual engineering environment using Git/GitHub workflow

Foreman – Electrical / HVAC / Solar - Harmony Air Inc. – 2022 - 2025

- **Led 4–8 person crews** on 60+ residential/commercial solar + HVAC projects
- Owned scheduling, permits, material ordering, and client updates – **100% on-time record**
- Built **Python** inventory script that **eliminated 100% of material shortages**
- Delivered high-reliability work with safety-critical precision

Journeyman Electrician – Service Technician/Manufacturing Electrician - CA Contractors – 2018 - 2022

- Wired new construction, EV chargers, solar tie-ins, smart-home automation, I/C equipment
- Upsold \$220k in battery + smart-thermostat upgrades via **clear technical explanations**
- Programmed Lutron, Control4, Nest systems
- Achieved **98%+ first-pass** inspection rate

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

Frontend Engineering Career Path - Frontend Simplified - 2025

- **600+ hours** – React, Next.js, TypeScript, Tailwind, testing, Vercel

Complete Python Developer: Zero To Mastery - ZTM Academy - 2024

- **500+ hours** – Python, Flask, SQL, APIs, auth, Render deployment

ADDITIONAL

- Open to full-time remote or Bay Area / SoCal hybrid
- Relocation assistance welcomed
- References + live code walkthroughs available immediately