Derrick Similien

Developer

I'm a self-motivated developer who discovered my passion for coding at 26 while studying UX/UI Design at the Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD). With a background in Criminal Justice from FAU, I transitioned into software development, immersing myself in hands-on projects and continuously seeking opportunities to grow. I've built a strong foundation in HTML and CSS and am eager to expand my skills by learning new languages and frameworks. Passionate about collaborating with talented engineers, I thrive on contributing to meaningful projects while drawing creative inspiration from my love of cinema and staying active at the gym. I'm excited to bring my drive, curiosity, and dedication to a team that values growth and innovation.

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Skills

HTML5, CSS3, C++, Version Control, Responsive Design, Debugging & Troubleshooting, Web Development Tools, Collaboration, Cross-Browser Compatibility, UI/UX Design Principles,

Recent Work Experience

Treact / Solo Developer

September 2024 - Present Atlanta, GA

- -Transformed design prototypes into fully responsive, user-friendly websites.
- Implemented Flexbox to create flexible, organized layouts across various screen sizes.
- Utilized HTML for clean, semantic structure and efficient formatting.
- Integrated Font Awesome icons to enhance visual aesthetics and user experience.
- Ensured cross-browser compatibility and seamless performance for all users.

Exclusive Portfolio / Solo Developer

December 2024 - Present, Atlanta, GA

- Implemented keyframe animations to create a dynamic and visually appealing user interface.
- Developed responsive design functionality for optimal performance across devices.
- Built a theme toggle feature for seamless switching between light and dark modes.
- Designed and integrated a modal for users to view a summary of my work and submit inquiries.
- Used semantic HTML for efficient content structure, enhancing accessibility and maintainability.
- Engineered a smooth scrolling feature to enhance user navigation and overall site experience.

E-Commerce App / Solo Developer

September 2024 - November 2024, Atlanta, GA

- Designed an organized HTML structure to display products in a user-friendly layout.
- Leveraged CSS Flexbox for responsive and consistent presentation of product listings.
- Implemented an intuitive call-to-action button for easy navigation to product details.
- Used JavaScript to dynamically highlight regular and discounted prices for clarity.
- -Developed a mock website using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript from a provided template to effectively display product information.
- Presented the final product to senior developers to gather feedback and foster professional growth.

The Film Score / Solo Developer

January 2025 - April 2025, Atlanta, GA

- Integrated a movie database API to enable real-time movie searches.
- Developed a JavaScript-powered filter for sorting movies by release date.
- Designed a responsive UI to ensure smooth browsing across all devices.
- Optimized API calls to improve data retrieval speed and performance.
- -Implemented error handling to enhance reliability and user experience.

Education & Certificate/Awards

University of West Georgia/ Computer Science

September 2025 - Carrollton, GA

FrontEnd Simplified / FrontEnd Development Online Bootcamp August 2024 - Atlanta, GA

Savannah College of Arts & Design/ UX Design

September 2023 - May 2024, Atlanta, GA

Responsive Web Design/freeCodeCamp

February 2025 - Atlanta, GA