DESTAN TEZEL

JUNIOR FULL STACK SOFTWARE DEVELOPER

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

As a Junior Full Stack Developer, I bring a rich 15-year history in business management and creative roles to my transition into software development, a move driven by my deep-seated passion for technology and efficiency. Fluent in English, German, and Turkish, I possess exceptional critical thinking abilities, a track record of continuous self-improvement, and a talent for process optimisation. Motivated by the transformative potential of coding, I am keen to apply my broad skill set in a software development position, aiming to contribute innovative solutions and remain at the cutting edge of technological progress.

TECHNICAL SKILLSET

Programming Languages | JavaScript • Python • TypeScript • HTML • CSS

Frameworks, Libraries, and Integrations | React • React Native • Django • Django Rest Framework • Flask • Bootstrap • jQuery • API Integrations

Database Technologies | PostgreSQL • MySQL • SQLite

Testing and Quality Assurance | Unit Testing • Jest • Postman

Infrastructure and Operations | Git • GitHub • Heroku • Ubuntu/Linux • Windows

PORTFOLIO PROJECTS

1. **We Rate Music** – A music-focused social media platform leveraging the Spotify API.
   Technologies used: React, Django Rest Framework, PostgreSQL, and Cloudinary.
   GitHub: https://github.com/DestanT/we_rate_music_react_drf

2. **Small Business Books** - Python-based CLI tool to help manage and analyse financial data.
   Technologies used: Python, Google Sheets API, GSpread, and Plotext.
   GitHub: https://github.com/DestanT/small-business-books

3. **Blackjack: 3-Minute Challenge** – Fast-paced casino-style blackjack, with an emphasis on high stakes leading to high rewards.
   Technologies used: JavaScript, HTML, and CSS.
   GitHub: https://github.com/DestanT/blackjack-3-minute-challenge

4. **We Discuss Music** – A dynamic blog site for music enthusiasts offering themed posts and a way to foster lively discussions.
   Technologies used: Django, JavaScript, Python, Bootstrap, HTML, and CSS.
   GitHub: https://github.com/DestanT/we-discuss-music

5. **Balayage Expert London** – An informative website aimed at the hair and beauty industry.
   Technologies used: HTML and CSS.
   GitHub: https://github.com/DestanT/balayage-expert-london

EDUCATION

Diploma in Full Stack Software Development (Accredited by the University West of Scotland)
Code Institute, Dublin, Ireland (Remote) | Jan 2023 – Feb 2024
- Acquired key skills in HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Python, and Django.

Professional Development in Hairdressing and Styling
Various Institutions, London | Sep 2016 – Apr 2019
- Completed advanced courses in cutting, styling, and colouring techniques, demonstrating a commitment to professional growth and mastery of the craft.

Foundation Degree in Science: Chemical and Molecular Biology
University of London Birkbeck College | Sep 2013 - Jul 2014
- Developed a strong foundation in scientific principles, enhancing analytical skills and attention to detail.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Jan 2009 – Present   **Managing Director, I. C. Partners Hair and Beauty, London**

- Led the charge in bringing our salon into the digital age, setting up our first website, and getting us started with online bookings. Increasing revenue by 15% in the first year.
- Excelled in customer service, tackling challenging situations head-on, and strategically enhanced our online presence through focused Google reviews and blog posts to drive business growth.
- Spearheaded team leadership and motivation, ensuring high performance in a fast-paced salon environment. Maintained focus and positive energy among the team, crucial in managing long hours and high-pressure situations.
- Demonstrated exceptional adaptability and problem-solving skills by thinking on the fly and effectively managing unexpected challenges, always maintaining a professional demeanour.
- Oversaw financial reporting, utilising Excel to meticulously organise and analyse business data. Customised spreadsheets to meet evolving business needs, showcasing a passion for detail and process optimisation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / INTERESTS

- Currently working on a personal project using TypeScript and React Native, diving deep into learning TypeScript and exploring the React Native framework – a testament to my passion for continuous learning and software development.
- Board game enthusiast, owning over 40 board games and often organising game nights for friends and family, showcasing my love for strategy and community engagement.
- Passionate about music, curating two playlists specially for coding, that have accompanied me through my journey so far – one for learning new concepts and another for coding in familiar territories, reflecting how I blend hobbies and work for enhanced productivity.
- A big nerd at heart, finding joy in the intricacies of coding, gaming, and the simple pleasures of a well-thought-out board game strategy.