

# Drake Alia

Frontend & UI Developer · Bellevue, WA

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## Objective

Frontend & UI Developer with 3+ years of hands-on experience building modern, responsive web applications using Next.js, TypeScript, and React. Demonstrated ability to deliver real client projects end-to-end — from consultation to deployment — with polished UI, engaging animations, and measurable performance gains. Experienced integrating AI tools into development workflows for enhanced productivity.

## Technical Skills

**Languages:** JavaScript, TypeScript, HTML, CSS

**Frontend:** Next.js, React, Tailwind CSS, Shadcn UI, Framer Motion

**Backend & APIs:** Node.js, REST APIs, PostgreSQL, JSON, Express.js

**Tools & Deployment:** Git, Vercel, Figma, Webpack, Vite

**AI/LLMs:** Claude, ChatGPT, Cursor AI, GitHub Copilot, MCP integrations

**Soft Skills:** Client communication, project management, user-centered design

## Professional Experience

**Freelance Web Developer** · Self-Employed · Bellevue, WA · 2024 – Present

- Contracted by Iron Works Gym (Bellevue, WA) to redesign and migrate their website from Squarespace to a custom Next.js application, resulting in significant performance improvements noted by the client
- Managed full project lifecycle: client consultation, design, development, and Vercel deployment

**UNIQLO** · Sales Associate · Bellevue, WA · Aug 2024 – Present

- Demonstrated adaptability and problem-solving in fast-paced retail environment
- Applied 5S organization principles; gained customer insight that informs user-first design thinking

**Apple Inc.** · Technical Specialist · Jun 2018 – Jan 2020

- Increased customer satisfaction scores by 15% through personalized support and expert product knowledge
- Earned Apple Technical Professional certification

## Projects

**Iron Works Gym** — Gym Website - Client Project · Nov 2025 – Feb 2026 | [Live](#) | [GitHub](#)

- Migrated a local fitness center's site from Squarespace to a custom Next.js app — client described the performance improvements as 'remarkable'
- Built fully responsive UI with Tailwind CSS, TypeScript, and React tailored to the client's brand
- Handled video optimization, mobile responsiveness, and production deployment on Vercel

*Technologies: Next.js, React, TypeScript, Tailwind CSS, Framer Motion*

**VitaFlow** — Healthcare Provider Website - Personal Project · Feb – Mar 2025 | [Live Demo](#) | [GitHub](#)

- Designed and developed a fully-functional front-end website for a pharmacy using Next.js and React
- Built custom components with ShadCN UI and Tailwind CSS; implemented Framer Motion page transitions and scroll animations

*Technologies: TypeScript, Next.js, React, Tailwind CSS, Framer Motion, ShadCN UI*

**Fit & Fly** — AI-Powered Travel Workout & Meal Planner - Personal Project · Jun 2025 | [Live Demo](#) | [GitHub](#)

- Built an AI-powered application for fitness-conscious travelers using Next.js with Zustand state management
- Integrated external APIs and animated UI components with Framer Motion

*Technologies: Next.js, TypeScript, Zustand, Framer Motion, Tailwind CSS*

## Education & Certifications

**Lambda School** · Full Stack Web Development · Feb – Oct 2020

- Completed 9-month intensive bootcamp; built multiple full-stack web applications collaboratively
- Certified Full Stack Web Developer