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Professional Summary

Motivated and detail-oriented Software Developer with 4+ years of hands-on experience in full-stack development, REST/SOAP API integration, and enterprise retail systems. Promoted rapidly due to strong initiative, problem-solving skills, and leadership in critical projects. Passionate about learning, automation, and continuous improvement.

Technical Skills

Languages: Java, Python, JavaScript, PHP, SQL, Bash

Frameworks & Tools: Spring Boot, JUnit, Mockito, Apache Maven, Apache Tomcat, Jenkins, Docker, Node.js, REACT, Vite, Pygame

Technologies: REST & SOAP APIs, JSON, XML, Git, GitHub, Mercurial, Jira, AI Tools, fly.io, Vercel

Databases: DB2, MySQL

Other: Microsoft Office, HTML/CSS, Version Control

Professional Experience

Java Developer

RedPanda Software (Flooid retail projects), South Africa

Aug 2021 - Oct 2024

- Maintained and enhanced retail solutions for clients including Calvin Klein, Tommy Hilfiger, Pick n Pay, and Woolworths.
- Promoted from Junior to Intermediate Developer within one year.
- Led a full redesign and rollout of the Self-Checkout system across multiple retail chains.
- Integrated third-party payment systems via REST and SOAP APIs.
- Created internal tools and automated processes to eliminate bottlenecks and improve productivity.

Coding Mentor

HyperionDev, South Africa

Jul 2020 - Jul 2021

- Mentored and graded 60+ students in full-stack software development.
- Delivered lectures on software engineering principles and best practices.
- Developed personalized learning strategies, improving student completion rates.
- Selected for the role due to top performance in HyperionDev's coding bootcamp.

Education

Software Engineering Bootcamp - HyperionDev (Jan 2020 - Mar 2020)

Coding Bootcamp - WeThinkCode, Cape Town (Feb 2019 - Mar 2019)

Projects & Contributions

- Self-Checkout Overhaul: Led full refactor from legacy system to modular design, improving customer throughput and reducing bug rates.
- Internal Automation Scripts: Built custom scripts/tools to reduce repetitive QA tasks by 60%.

Extra-Curricular & Interests

Volunteer: Animal Shelter, Cape Town (2018)

Hobbies: Calisthenics, Fitness, Dog Training, Gaming, Hiking, Learning, Origami

Soft Skills

Fast Learner | Organized | Effective Communicator

Time Management | Leadership | Problem Solving