



# James Brown

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## TECHNICAL SKILLS

**Front-End Development:** React.js: 2+ years (Intermediate), Next.js: 1.5 years (Beginner), JavaScript: 3+ years (Intermediate), TypeScript: 1.5 years (Beginner), HTML & CSS: 3+ years (Intermediate)

**UI/UX Design & Prototyping:** Figma: 3+ years (Advanced), Webflow (CMS/CRM): 1 year (Beginner), Adobe Suite: 2 years (Intermediate)

**API Integration & Development:** REST APIs: 2+ years (Intermediate), GraphQL: 1 year (Beginner), Firebase API: 1 year (Beginner), NextAuth.js API: 1 year (Beginner), Unsplash API: 1 year (Beginner)

**Cloud & Hosting:** Vercel: 1 year (Intermediate), Netlify: 2 year (Intermediate), AWS: >1 year (Beginner)

**Version Control & Collaboration:** Git & GitHub: 3+ years (Intermediate), Atlassian (Jira & Bitbucket): 1 year (Beginner)

**CI/CD:** GitHub Actions: 1 year (Beginner), Atlassian Pipelines: 1 year (Beginner)

## EXPERIENCE

**James Perse | Aspen, USA | Senior Client Advisor | March 2024 – November 2024**

- I joined James Perse in March as Lead Backstock, using the role as a learning opportunity to apply user-centered design principles in retail. Through hard work and dedication, I earned multiple promotions over nine months, gaining valuable insights into customer interactions that will inform my work in tech.

**Scrums (formally SovTech) | Cape Town, SA | Internship | June 2023 & December 2023**

- At SovTech (formally), I was tasked with optimizing existing systems using the React framework. I gained experience in running tests, improving code for reusability and readability, and implementing dynamic design principles. Additionally, I had the opportunity to explore AWS, including Lambda functions and cloud hosting.

**Trinity IOT | Cape Town, SA | Internship | Nov 2023**

- During this brief internship, I contributed to a frontend application while gaining foundational knowledge of Django. I also assisted in revising elements of a monthly team newsletter, refining its presentation and content.

## EDUCATION

**Cape Town Creative Academy | BA Interaction Design & Front-end Development | Graduated 2024**

- **Coursework:** Interaction Design, Frontend Development, Business Studies, Contextual Studies, Design Thinking, Photography.

## PROJECTS

**NextJS & Wix Store | Next.js 15, React Query, Tailwind CSS, TypeScript, Wix Studio | January 2025 - Present**

- Building a full-stack e-commerce website using Next.js 15 and Wix Studio Headless, incorporating features like user accounts, product management, payment integration, and real-time validation. Optimized for performance with React Query, Tailwind CSS, and deployment on Vercel.

**NextJS Discord Clone | Next.js, Typescript, Livekit, OAuth | November 2023 - December 2024**

- dis-code is a Discord clone tutorial project built with Next.js and TypeScript. It utilized LiveKit for webhooks and was hosted on Netlify. The project was created to learn about Discord integrations.

**NextJS Web Store | Javascript, Next.js, NextAuth, Vercel | March 2023 - December 2023**

- My-Store is a full-stack eCommerce platform built with Next.js, hosted on Vercel. It features user authentication, admin functionality, and product management.

## CERTIFICATES

- **PADI** | Advanced open water diver • **St Johns Ambulance** | First Aid - Level 1 • **SAHA** | Hockey Coach - Level 0