

# Malinna Leach

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## Junior Full Stack Web Developer

I am a London-based Junior Full Stack Web Developer, and a recent graduate of **Makers Academy** - Europe's leading developer bootcamp. I am driven by curiosity, and my ambitions mostly centre on my own development. My leadership skills bring a natural momentum to any project, and my enthusiasm is infectious.

A desire to use my analytical skills to create tangible products has inspired my move into Web Development. Making something that solves a problem, that can make a person's life a little easier, better or more fun will give me a deep sense of fulfilment, as it appeals to my creative nature. **Coding makes me happy.**

## Skills

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### Pace of learning

I can pick up new technologies and languages at the drop of a hat. In a recent project (as a small team of 4) we built a React based task manager app which linked to an Express / Node.js back-end, Sequelize database and was tested using Jest. We did this in a week despite none of us having had any prior experience with any of those technologies. The project was my idea, and I led the charge in terms of designing the project structure and helping team members to learn effectively.

### Designing tools and applications

During my studies I have developed a passion for clean code, and I love domain modelling and refactoring. At Innocent I redesigned and built a number of key business tools using Excel; managing iterations using agile methodologies. This aspect of my role gave me **so much joy and satisfaction**, it inspired me to learn how to code.

### Driving Development

At Innocent I had a role reporting to me, and I relished the challenge of supporting someone else's development. When we were asked to share feedback on each other, my cohort praised my communication skills and my **ability to help others learn**.

### Cross-Functional Leadership

A key strength of mine is **feeling confident in situations where I don't have any of the answers**, but can ask the right questions. At Innocent I managed a range optimisation and compliance project despite having no experience in that area. My ability to quickly establish a clear overview created the clarity and structure that the project needed.

### Blogging

The blog that I started to document my coding journey has had over 2k views, and I've had articles published in Code Like A Girl and Makers Academy. I've also been booked to speak on the Ruby Rogues podcast. Check out my blog [here](#).

# Projects

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Please feel free to explore my Git profile to see more of my work.

Project	Description	Timeframe	Technologies	Testing
<a href="#">CSS Playground</a>	A tool to generate CSS and HTML code	2 weeks in a team of 4	React, Javascript	Enzyme, Jest
<a href="#">Do Life</a>	A task manager app	1 week as a team of 4, plus an extra day alone	React, Express, Node.js, Sequelize	Jest
<a href="#">News Summary</a>	A news website	2 days in a team of 4	Javascript, HTML, CSS, Guardian API	Bespoke JS tests
<a href="#">Chitter</a>	A new social network	2 days, working alone	Ruby, Sinatra, Datamapper, Bcrypt	Rspec, Capybara

# Education

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## Makers Academy (September to December 2016)

A 16-week software development bootcamp, with a focus on:

- Pair programming
- Agile methodologies
- Test-Driven Development
- Object oriented programming with SOLID principles

## University of Salford (1997 - 2000)

### BSc(Hons) Audio Technology: 2.1

This involved a lot of mathematical modelling, along with some application programming.

# Experience

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## Innocent Drinks (2008 - 2015)

- I started as a Customer Supply Specialist, and was promoted to Manager level in 2011.
- Customer Supply responsibilities: Customer-Facing Relationship Management, Promotional Forecasting, Supply KPIs.
- I also project managed the full supply-chain of Innocent's Big Knit campaign.

## Music Industry (2000 - 2008)

- Held a number of roles, mainly in independent music distribution.