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EDUCATION
Bachelor of Software Engineering **- (B.S.E.)**
Professional Certificate in Digital Marketing**,** Programming & Software Development — **Platzi, 2020-2024**
LANGUAGES Portuguese, English & Spanish **- Trilingual**

SKILLS & COMPETENCIES

Frontend: JavaScript (ES6+), React, HTML5, CSS3, SCSS, **Backend:** Node.js (Express), PHP, Java (basic), Python (scripting), **Databases:** MySQL, APIs: REST APIs, Web Services API, JSON, **Version Control & Tooling:** Git, GitHub, NPM, CLI/Terminal, **Cloud & Platforms:** Cloud Computing (IaaS, PaaS, SaaS), CCaaS (basic), iPaaS (basic), **Data & BI:** Power BI, Tableau, Metabase, Data Analysis (fundamentals), **AI:** Generative AI (prompting & APIs), **Methods:** Agile, Scrum, Workflow Management, **Soft Skills:** Problem Solving, Critical Thinking, Attention to Detail, Teamwork & Collaboration, Effective Communication, Adaptability, Fast Learner, Time Management, Creativity
Expertise: Programming & Software Development

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Software Engineering student and full-stack web developer (frontend-leaning). I build responsive web apps using JavaScript/React and Node.js/PHP/MySQL and collaborate through Git/GitHub and Agile/Scrum methodologies. I also automate tasks with Python when it speeds up delivery

Recognized by Platzi (Duolingo English Fest winner; Unsolved Mysteries award)

Trilingual communicator (ES/EN/PT). Seeking an entry-level developer role to ship features, learn fast, and grow into backend/APIs and cloud

WORK EXPERIENCE

Freelance Developer
Freelance Part-time
Jan 2021 - Present
Colombia Remote

Junior full-stack (frontend-leaning). I design and ship responsive web pages and small apps using JavaScript/React, HTML/CSS/SCSS, Node.js/PHP, and MySQL. Comfortable with Git/GitHub, basic REST APIs, and Agile/Scrum. Always learning and iterating.

Responsibilities:
• Build responsive UIs and reusable components (HTML, CSS/SCSS, JS/React)
•Implement basic backend features (CRUD, simple auth/session) with Node.js/PHP
•Consume/Expose REST APIs (JSON), handle fetch/AJAX, and error states.
•Optimize performance (assets, lazy loading) and apply accessibility basics (semantic HTML, ARIA)
•Use Git/GitHub (branches, issues, PRs); write clear READMEs and deployment notes
•Deploy demos (GitHub Pages) and gather feedback from dev communities

Achievements:
• Shipped and deployed 4 public demos:
• Pasteles en la Web – bakery site (HTML, CSS, JS) → https://nicckode.github.io/Bakery/
• Batatabit – responsive landing (Flexbox/Grid) → https://nicckode.github.io/Batatabit/
• Web Video – custom HTML5 player UI → https://nicckode.github.io/Web-Video/
• Simon Says – interactive JS game → https://nicckode.github.io/Simon-Dice/
•Improved page load and Lighthouse scores via image/CSS optimization and lazy loading.
•Documented setup and hand-off guides to support non-technical stakeholders.

Customer Service Assistant Full-time
Beauty Store · On-site
Jan 2025 - Present

Retail customer support and sales assistance in a fast-paced environment. Handled product guidance, POS operations, inventory organization, and daily cash procedures while strengthening communication and problem-solving skills.

Responsibilities:
• Assisted customers with product selection, usage, and after-sales questions.
•Processed transactions and handled daily cash balancing with accuracy.
•Organized inventory and maintained shelves/merchandising for high-demand items.
•Tracked sales in spreadsheets/POS and flagged low-stock or returns.
•Resolved issues and coordinated with teammates to keep service times low.

Achievements:
• Consistently recognized for friendly service and reliability during peak hours.
•Maintained accurate cash handling and clean audit trails.
•Improved product findability through better shelf layout and labeling.

Sports Advisor (Swimming, Lifesaving & Gymnastics) Full-time
FitCom SAS On-site
Jun 2024 - Jan 2025

Coached youth and adults in swimming fundamentals, lifesaving techniques, and basic gymnastics conditioning with a focus on safety, technique, and progressive plans.

Responsibilities:
• Designed beginner-to-intermediate training plans (endurance, technique, mobility).
•Taught lifesaving basics (rescue approaches, water safety, CPR awareness).
•Led small-group sessions; tracked progress and delivered actionable feedback.
•Coordinated schedules/equipment and enforced safety protocols.

Achievements:
• Coached 20 active students (group & 1:1); achieved 85% retention (2024–2025)
• Improved student technique and confidence; reduced common form errors
• Recognized for reliable coaching and clear communication with parents and students.

PROJECTS

• Bakery Website (Pasteles en la Web) — Frontend Developer
• Stack: HTML, CSS, JavaScript
• Highlights: Mobile-first site with reusable UI components (cards, modals, forms); basic client-side validation.
• Live: https://nicckode.github.io/Bakery/

• Batatabit — Frontend Developer
• Stack: HTML, CSS (Flexbox/Grid)
• Highlights: Responsive landing page; layout system (Grid/Flex), typography/spacing utilities; semantic - HTML.
• Live: https://nicckode.github.io/Batatabit/

• Web Video — Frontend Developer
• Stack: JS/React, HTML5 Media API
• Highlights: Custom player UI (play/pause, seek, volume, captions); keyboard navigation and focus management.
• Live: https://nicckode.github.io/Web-Video/

• Simon Says — Frontend Developer
• Stack: JavaScript, HTML, CSS
• Highlights: Interactive memory game with modular state; audio/visual feedback; score and difficulty levels.
• Live: https://nicckode.github.io/Simon-Dice/

• PATHO (Startup Project) — Full-Stack Developer
• Stack: JavaScript, HTML5, CSS3/SCSS, PHP, MySQL
• Highlights: DB schema + CRUD, sessions/auth (básico), reusable SCSS, fetch/AJAX to REST routes.

ACHIEVEMENTS & ACTIVITIES

• First place — Platzi Unsolved Mysteries course.
• Student of the Month — Platzi; English awards (private class + English test / Duolingo Fest).
• Portfolio/GitHub: Multiple projects shipped and published, demonstrating growth and real-world application.
• Sports: Gymnastics, cheerleading, martial arts, swimming — competitions won; teamwork, discipline, resilience.