



SCOTT SUTHERLAND

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PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Languages & Frameworks:

HTML5
CSS3
JavaScript (ES6+)
React/Next.js
Node.js (basic)
PHP
Python (basic)
SQL (basic)
Supabase
Firebase

Frontend & Performance:

Responsive Design
CSS Grid/Flexbox
Core Web Vitals
Page Speed Optimization
Accessibility Fundamentals
WCAG Compliance
RESTful APIs & Data Integration

CMS & Platforms:

WordPress (custom builds, plugin reduction, theme optimization, ACF)
Shopify and WooCommerce
AWS (basic), Vercel, Netlify

Tools & SEO:

Git
AI Integration (OpenAI/Gemini APIs)
Google Tag Manager
Google Ads/AdSense
Google Analytics
Zapier, Zoho, Keap, aHrefs

Design & Media:

Adobe Photoshop
After Effects
Illustrator (basic)
Sony Vegas

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Self-taught Front-End Developer based in Toronto with 5+ years of hands-on experience building, optimizing, and maintaining high-performance websites. Strong focus on HTML, CSS, JavaScript, React, Next.js, and WordPress performance optimization and accessibility. Proven ability to refactor bloated systems, improve page speed, and deliver responsive, scalable, security-conscious solutions. Experienced at working with SEO, analytics, and modern dev tools.

Comfortable working independently or on small teams. Front-End Developer specializing in performance optimization and scalable web solutions.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Developer

Yopie Internet Marketing | Jan 2020 – Present

- Developed and maintained multiple client websites, primarily using WordPress
- Optimized site performance by removing heavy frameworks and excess plugins
- Improved Core Web Vitals scores from ~15–20 to 90–95 on client sites
- Rebuilt legacy WordPress sites using HTML, CSS, JS, and PHP for maximum speed
- Reduced plugin usage from 30–38 plugins down to under 10
- Implemented fully responsive layouts using CSS Grid and Flexbox
- Worked with SEO tools, analytics, and ad platforms (Google Ads, GTM, Microsoft Ads)
- Collaborated with developers and marketing teams in a production environment
- Applied UI/UX best practices to improve usability, clarity, and conversion-focused layouts
- Refined layouts, spacing, typography, and interaction patterns to enhance user experience while optimizing performance

Integrated third-party REST APIs into React and Next.js applications to deliver dynamic, real-time content

Owner / Developer

Web Cheddar Web Solutions | Feb 2019 – Present

- Founded and operated a freelance web development business
- Built and customized client websites using HTML, CSS, JavaScript, React, Next.js, PHP, and Bootstrap
- Delivered multiple design variations to clients to streamline approvals
- Maintained long-term client relationships for updates and enhancements
- Recognized for strong communication, reliability, and clean deliverables
- Gained real-world experience managing projects end-to-end
- Earned repeat business through strong communication, reliability, and performance-focused builds
- Incorporated UI/UX principles into client websites to ensure intuitive navigation and responsive user experiences
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General Manager

The Beverage Group | Jan 2008 - May 2020

- Directed daily operations for a 3-floor high-volume venue (including rooftop patio), supervising a diverse team of 60–80 staff members, including management, front-of-house, and security.
- Managed payroll and scheduling while maintaining strict labour cost targets to ensure profitability and operational efficiency.
- Oversaw all POS and liquor control systems, including the underlying network infrastructure; implemented data backup solutions and performed on-the-fly hardware/software troubleshooting.
- Acted as the internal webmaster for the venue's website and used Adobe After Effects to produce high-quality in-house marketing videos.
- Cultivated relationships with corporate clients to plan, host, and execute large-scale events, ensuring high standards of service and professional delivery.

CERTIFICATIONS AND TRAINING

Google Cybersecurity Professional Certificate

- Google Security fundamentals, network defense, secure systems, threat analysis, and incident response

Zero To Mastery Academy

- Complete Web Developer (HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Git, APIs)
- Junior to Senior Developer (system design fundamentals, best practices)
- Advanced JavaScript (ES6+, async, performance, clean code)
- Complete React Developer (React, hooks, state management)

Brampton Flight Center

- Commercial Pilot Program

Additional Experience & Strengths

- Strong understanding of web performance, accessibility, maintainability, and clean code practices
- Comfortable learning new tools, frameworks, and workflows quickly
- Background in hardware, networking, and troubleshooting
- Comfortable following strict guidelines and producing consistent, high-quality outputs
- Continuous learner with a background in both development and digital marketing

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