

# Web development 🔥 topics

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# Choose your own path

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## No one size fits all

# Front-End web developer

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- The UI vs UX (user experience)
- HTML and CSS
- JavaScript
- Build tools (bootstrap, react, adobe, etc.)
- Unit testing

# Backend Developer

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- Server side programming and database (the functionality of the website)
- PHP, Python, JS/Node.js, Go, etc. –Programming languages
- Database (MongoDB, PostgreSQL, MySQL, etc.)
- Deploying to server (install, configure, etc.)
- *Object-Relational Mapping (ORM)* is a technique that lets you query and manipulate data from a database using an object-oriented paradigm.

# Backend framework

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- Node.js: Express, Fastify, NestJS
- Python: Django, Flask, FastAPI
- PHP: Laravel, Symfony
- Ruby: Rails
- GO: Gin, Beego
- Java: Spring, Struts
- c#: ASP.NET, Rust



- Trade Off between how much customization you want and how much you want to automate

# Databases

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- Relational databases vs NoSQL databases
- Relational databases:
  - Table based structure, rows and column
  - SQL (Structured Query Language)
  - Great for related data, networks (e.g. social network, friends, picture, post can be related)
  - Good with complex queries
  - Very strict, you have to create the table first and also have to mention the type
  - Good for consistency, security and reliability

# Databases

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- NoSQL
  - Types: Document (e.g. JSON), key/value
  - Scalable, store massive amount of data
  - Not good with complex queries
  - Data is simple structured but have huge amount of data

# Databases- Relational

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- PostgreSQL: OO (oops?) data structure, used by apple, skype, cisco
- MySQL: Famous, used by google, netflix, amazon
- Oracle: Mostly enterprise, used by American express, verizon
- MS SQL: Big businesses, commercial (limited free tier), used by UPS, Bofa, JPMorgan





# Database- NoSQL

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- MongoDB: Document based (BSON), very popular, scalable and high performance, used by IBM, verizon, forbes, adobe
- Cassandra: Column based, high performance, used by apple iCloud, twitter
- Couchbase: Document based, used by link



# Databases

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- No clear winner
- Depending on the situation one may be more beneficial to the other

# Full stack developer

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- Both frontend and backend developer
- Javascript, HTML and CSS
- Build tools
- Understand network API's, HTTP(S)
- Database
- Integration and testing
- Deployment

# Cross platform

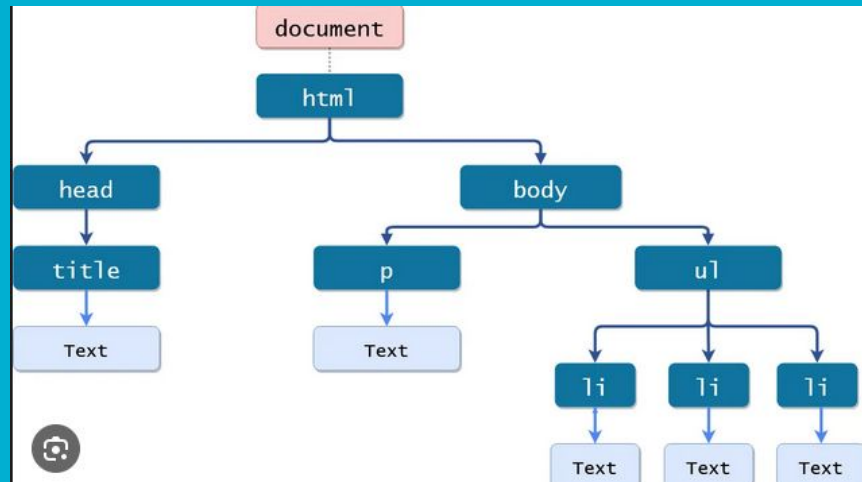
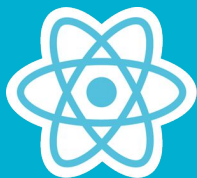
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- Windows, Linux, Mac
  - Across devices
  - Across browsers
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- Flexbox and CSS grid ( for layout)
  - Responsive layout
    - Adjust layout based on the size and orientation of the device
    - Animation and transition (low priority)

# Do not jump, basics is important

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- Do not React too fast
- Try to get hold of JavaScript first
- DOM ( Document Object Model, represent as tree)



# Now jump!

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- Jump in a SASSy way.
- SASS is a CSS pre-compiler, with many added features. (learning curve is easy)
- Post CSS: convert the CSS into JS (learning curve is little rigid)
- CSS frameworks: bootstrap, tailwind, bulma
- Bootstrap, few lines of CSS code, tailwind highly customizable
- In big companies someone will give you the design and you have to materialize that design
- If you are a good **designer** you can create **nice website** with any of the tools.



# Design creation

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- Adobe XD
- Sketch (Mac)
- Invision
- Figma (free, browser based)



# Tools

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- Github or Git (vscode git integration)
- Try to learn the command also simple ones at least
- All browser has developer mode
- NPM (JavaScript code sharing)
- Markdown (md)
- Postman, Curl ( to test the network response)



# Hosting

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- Get a domain name
- Point that to the web host (AWS, github pages)

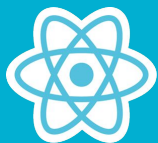
- Github pages
- Netlify
- Vercel



# Front-end frameworks

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- React (by meta)
- Next.js (not for beginner but...)
- Angular (by google, full fledged framework, with http client etc.)
- Angular uses typescript
- Angular used mostly in enterprise setting
- Vue
- Solidjs



# Testing

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- Matter in enterprise but good to know the testing environments
- Javascript: Jest, Mocha
- Python: Doctest, PyTest
- PHP: PHPUnit, Behat

# Essential browser API

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- Canvas API: Dynamic graphics & visualization
- Geolocation
- Speech API
- Local Storage : store data in browser
- Web RTC: Real time communication with audio/video ( video chat)

# Full stack framework

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- NextJS : uses React
- Remix: also uses React
- NuxtJS: uses Vue
- Universal: uses Angular
- Blazor: uses c# and web-assembly (WASM). WASM, execute c# code in the browser.
- V8 Engine?



# We need to go deeper

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- Redwood: uses NextJS
- Blitz: uses NextJS



# Static site generator

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- After building the website data cannot be incorporated, cannot fetch data
- Good for small business websites
- Search engine friendly

- Astro: Based on React, Vue
- Gatsby: Based on React
- Jekyll: Based on Ruby
- Hugo: Based on GO



# Content management system (CMS)

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- Can be used with static sites
- Markdown is not optimal for the client to make content like blogpost, etc.
- Example: Wordpress
- Usually output Json file, can be used with any framework
- Strapi: Build on Node.js, open source
- Sanity.io:
- Keystone



KeystoneJS





# Jamstack

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- includes : JavaScript, APIs & Markup
- Simple websites with better user experience and efficiency

# Visualization

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- Motion UI: SaaS based, many animations are pre-built
- Framer: React based, opensource
- Three.js: Powered by WebGL, uses Javascript API, very powerful
- Gsap: Don't need to know a lot of JavaScript

# No code tools: Big No No ?

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- Wordpress
- Shopify
- Wix
- Squarespace

# Remember

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- If you are going for something popular chances are there many other people doing it
- Try to find a balance, bleeding edge is good but basics is also important
- Try to have extra knowledge
  - Animation
  - Design
  - Network architecture
  - Different API's (e.g. GPS)

# Cloud databases

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- MongoDB Atlas: Nice free tier
- Firebase: Google, NoSQL
- FaunaDB: NoSQL & relational models



Firestore

Realtime Database



# File-based databases

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- Good for personal website or very small scale website
- SQLite: Easy to setup, SQL based
- .md files: personal blogs
- H2 DB: Lightweight
- Redis: in-memory

# Authentication

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- Session and cookies
- OAuth: used by google, facebook
- Password hashing
- Two-factor authentication

# Cloud hosting

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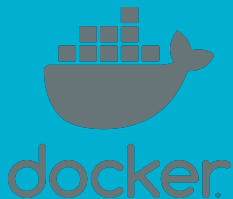
- AWS
- Azure
- GCP (google cloud compute)
- Render: PaaS (Platform as a service), most tools are already installed
- Heroku: PaaS



# Devops skills

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- Terminal and linux commands
- Web servers: NGINX, Apache configuration
- Containerization: Docker, kubernetes
- Cloud storage: Amazon s3, Google storage
- CI/CD: Continuous integration, continuous deployment, large number of people pushing codes, testing it, etc



# Mobile development

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- React Native: android & iOS
- Flutter: open-source by google, android & IOS, dart programming language



React Native



# Thank you

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## See you all in next class