

Cover Letter

I am a Full Stack developer with more than 10 years of experience. I'm committed to providing creative yet effective solutions with regards to System Design, and developing solutions to modern problems.

I am looking for a role that provides the opportunity to grow. I am always eager to learn and ready to take on new challenges. By accepting new challenges and learning new skills on the way, I will be able to take on more responsibility. Therefore, a role that provides training & growth opportunities would be ideal.

I love full stack development and get along in teams of any size, as long as they are collaborative, eager to learn, and support each other. A team that is not selfish when it comes to their expertise, is willing to try out new things, and willing to grow their team members as well as themselves is very important to me. I would like to work in a team where I can further improve my skills as a developer.

I am looking for a new opportunity where teamwork is a significant part of the company culture. I love working as part of a team in my current position and I would love to continue this into my new role. I hope to eventually work on my team-building abilities. Acquiring these skills will help me to eventually progress into a higher level role such as a team leader, where I'd be able to be in a better position to share my knowledge, as well.

Flexible hours in this growing economy is an advantage. Having the opportunity to showcase your skills without being micro-managed and feel like you're being watched is very appealing. I want to feel trusted by my superiors and in doing so return the favour by doing my job to the best of my abilities.

PERSONAL DETAILS

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DATE OF BIRTH	12 September 1993
GENDER	Male
MARITAL STATUS	Married
DEPENDANTS	2 Children
HEALTH	Good
CRIMINAL RECORD	None
LANGUAGES	English and Afrikaans
SPORTS/HOBBIES/INTERESTS	Reading, Gaming, Programming, Swimming
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EDUCATIONAL DETAILS

Sarepta Secondary School, Cape Town – Matriculated November 2011

Varsity College, Cape Town - Graduated December 2014 with a Diploma in Software Development

CAREER HISTORY

- 2 years of Development at DataSmart Technologies as a Junior Developer. Responsibilities included support, design, and creating websites based on client requirements, such as e-commerce websites or websites that stored client data (in-house tools, for example). The technologies used were CSS3, HTML, PHP, and MySQL. Also, frameworks such as Opencart, Grails, Spring STS, and Laravel.
- Around 1.5 years at Refresh Creative Media as a Junior Developer, and later an Intermediate Developer. Responsibilities include support, design, and creating websites based on client requirements, such as e-commerce websites or websites that stored client data. Also worked on mobile apps. The technologies used were CSS3, HTML, PHP, and MySQL. Also, frameworks such as Laravel, Ionic, and Xamarin.
- 2 months at Sim Direct as an Intermediate Developer. Responsibilities include supporting and maintaining already existing in-house tools. Reason for leaving: retrenched because the company was downsizing their SA branch.
- 9 months at Kurtosys as an Intermediate Developer. Responsibilities include supporting and maintaining already existing tools. I was a Support Engineer at Kurtosys. My main responsibilities revolved around identifying and investigating bugs. I left as I felt as though I was stagnating as a developer.
- 1 year, 4 months at Lavalamp Lab as an Intermediate Developer. Responsibilities include supporting and maintaining already existing websites as well as starting new projects from scratch (Most with API driven functionality). I've also worked with technologies such as Xero and Paysoft. This is my current place of employment.
- I was at Zero2One for around 3 and a half years, working as a Software Developer. My main duties included working on and maintaining existing websites (full-stack this time) and creating new components based on what the client needed. I was mostly focused on one project during my time here. It was basically a clone of gmail, with a calendar and tools to link clients and tasks to mails and each other. I worked on all aspects of the project, front and back, creating components using both vue and laravel livewire, that would send data to the backend for storage and deletion.
- 7 months at Intercape. While they made use of up to date PHP and Oracle (oci) technologies, the codebase was 25+ years old. I was responsible for heading up a restructuring project that would get all the older legacy code into the latest version of Laravel. We finished the base version of Laravel that included custom cross project authentication and custom middleware to handle permissions, both of which I created. I was also in charge of the git repositories as there were none present when I started.

PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES /COMPETENCIES

- Ability to communicate effectively in English and Afrikaans.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- A team player.
- Flexible.
- Able to work under pressure and unsupervised.
- Disciplined in adherence to principles and values.
- Good planning, organising and time-management skills.
- Strong analytical and numerical skills.
- Good relating and networking skills.
- Deadline driven.
- Discreet, and able to maintain a high level of confidentiality.

REFERENCES

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