

# Rebecca Lake

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## ABOUT ME

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Passionate Software Developer adept in test-driven development, object-oriented programming, and full-stack development. Drawing on unique career experiences in recruitment, education, and sales internationally, I blend technical expertise with customer-centric skills. Eager to apply my problem-solving abilities and strong communication skills to deliver impactful software solutions.

## LEARNING NOW / LEARNING NEXT

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### Currently learning:

Improving my fundamentals with TypeScript and Python / integrating CSS frameworks in projects / trying Firebase and Supabase in future projects

### Wanting to next learn/improve:

My Japanese language skills / Svelte / PHP / Java / C# / typing speed

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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**Languages:** JavaScript / TypeScript (using Node.js/browser as environments), Python, SQL, HTML/ CSS

**Frameworks:** React.js, Next.js, Express, FastAPI

**Databases:** SQL, PostgreSQL (PSQL), MongoDB

**Development:** Test Driven Development (TDD), Object Oriented Programming (OOP), Pair Programming, project management, Software Development Lifecycle (SDLC), seeding, migrations

**Testing / Version control:** Jest, Supertest, Postman, Insomnia, Lighthouse, DevTools, Git / GitHub

**Methodologies:** Agile, Scrum, Kanban

## PROJECTS

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### Events Platform Project – (freelance project):

*Tech Stack: JavaScript, React.js, MongoDB, Express, Node.js*

- Utilised RESTful API design, MVC architecture, cookies, and Role-based Access Control (RBAC) on backend to streamline handling login and user data on frontend

- Applied modern web development practices such as user authentication, state management, and accessible, responsive interface to produce a scalable end product

### NC News – (a social news/discussion website):

*Tech stack: JavaScript, React, PostgreSQL, Express, Node.js*

- Deployed RESTful API on backend to access data programmatically from frontend, using TDD, CRUD, and parametric endpoints

- Built accessible user interface in React using thorough state management, custom hooks, component design and handling errors

### LEAP – (an AI- powered learning platform):

*- Tech Stack: TypeScript, Python, Next.js, MongoDB, FastAPI*

As part of a six-member group, successfully implemented agile approach and managed time efficiently to achieve MVP in just under two weeks

- Utilised a completely new technical stack successfully, implementing component-based architecture, state management, and responsive web design whilst using UI libraries Daisy and Tailwind for styling

## EXPERIENCE

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### **Freelance Software Developer**, Remote

*Present*

- Provides software development services for clientele, including professional portfolio websites and web-based event booking platform
- Consistently improving technical and soft skills through thorough planning and project management, also showing my passion towards software development

### **IT Recruitment Consultant** at Specialized Group, Tokyo, Japan

*June 2022 – May 2023*

- Managed full recruitment cycle from sourcing to final offer negotiations across mid-to-executive level positions in the software industry
- Utilised strong project management skills in fast-paced environments, nurturing client and candidate relationships, and developing new leads in emerging technology fields
- Demonstrated solid teamwork and communication skills through communicating with both technical and non-technical professionals, whilst driving daily team catch ups and candidate sharing

### **Associate Consultant** at East West Consulting, Tokyo, Japan

*October 2021 – May 2022*

- Assisted manager with full lifecycle recruitment, sourcing and evaluating candidates; focusing on bilingual business and customer-facing roles in top SaaS companies and platforms
- Built candidate network from scratch, gained huge understanding for industry trends, and consistently proved a top performer in weekly evaluations.

### **English Language Instructor** at Piccadilly School, Kagawa, Japan

*January 2020 – August 2021*

- Generated personalised learning materials to effectively teach speaking, listening and translation abilities to ESL learners
- Planned and implemented school events amid COVID-19 restrictions, such as coding workshops for kids

### **Sales Support Assistant** at Marubeni-Komatsu, Birmingham

*July 2019 – December 2019*

- Successfully maintained strong relationships with mid-sized clients and generated new sales leads

## EDUCATION & ACHIEVEMENTS

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### **Northcoders**, Software Development Bootcamp, Remote

*January 2024 – May 2024*

13-Week Software Development bootcamp provided by award-winning school, learning full-stack web development. Covered fundamentals such as Object-Oriented Programming and functional programming while implementing industry Best Practices such as Test-Driven Development and Pair Programming, enhancing my problem-solving and collaboration skills further

### **University of Leeds**, BA English and Japanese (2:1)

*September 2015 – July 2019*

### **Japanese Language Proficiency Test** (JLPT), N2 Business Level

*July 2017*

## LANGUAGES & INTERESTS

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**Languages:** Japanese (Business fluency) & Korean (conversational)

### **Interests:**

- Frequenting videos & blogs on software development to keep up with latest industry trends
- Engaging in continuous online learning for both software and languages
- Attending concerts, plays, film enthusiast and chasing after the best cup of coffee