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My name is Lexus Drumgold, but most people call me Lex. As both a UI designer and JavaScript developer, I'm dedicated to crafting superior digital experiences. I got started in 2012 by teaching myself both UI design and development, and now have four years of professional experience designing client sites and applications, building custom user interfaces, as well as building and consuming backend services using cloud infrastructure.

In February of 2019, I launched my own design and development company — Flex Development, LLC. Using Github and Notion for project management and communication, my workflow typically includes a requirements gathering session, UI design using Adobe XD, development with (P)React, React Native, and/or FeathersJS, and configuring backend services with Google Firebase. Additionally, I have experience working with Sass, Next.js, WordPress, and Google Analytics.

Since 2017, I've worked for The Diamondback, the University of Maryland's student newspaper, where I started as a Junior Web Designer and Front End Developer. During my time here, I've developed both my frontend and backend skills, focusing more on full stack JavaScript development rather than just front end. As Lab Director and Lead Front End Developer, I collaborate not only with the news, marketing, and advertising teams, but the three other developers on my team as well. When needed, I'm happy to assist my team members with their tasks and I always encourage them to propose new ideas when they have them. Making use of several web technologies, I also convert wireframes to beautiful, responsive digital projects that have been viewed by thousands. Recently, my team and I launched "DBK Redux," our transformation project for the newspaper's old website, where we built a custom WordPress site powered by React and Next.js, as well as a REST API using Node.js and Express. The newly designed site can be viewed at https://dbknews.com.

During the summer of 2018, I interned with the American Chemical Society (ACS) as their Digital Design Intern working on several projects within their development ecosystem. Working in Adobe Experience Manager, I developed components for the company's Green Chemistry redesign site, as well as assisted in content migration. I also worked on other projects within my department, which included creating graphics and developing a search bar for online community spaces. Of the projects I completed, the largest was developing a redesigned version of ACS' Chemical Landmarks timeline, which was debuted to the ACS business unit. A demo of the site can be found here: https://acs-chemistrytimeline.firebaseapp.com.

I've not only launched my own business, but I've also been developing a mobile application. Clava is a location based chatroom service that allows users to start and join trending chatrooms in their area. Users can stay home and chat or travel the world and join chatrooms around the globe. As Cofounder and Lead Developer, I have a hand in both the front and backend development cycles. Leveraging Google Firebase, FeathersJS, and React Native, development has been segmented into three parts: a React Native and Expo project, a JavaScript SDK, and a serverless backend using Firebase Cloud Functions.

Over the years, I've worked on a plethora of projects that have helped me develop both my design and development skills. When I'm not designing or developing, I participate in design critiques and code reviews to assess contribution to project goals and adherence to industry standards as well.

I look forward to hearing from you soon, and thank you for your consideration. To view some of the other projects I've worked on, please visit https://lexusdrumgold.design/portfolio.

Best,
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