

# Gillian Roberts

Junior Software Developer

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## SUMMARY

Career Changer -  
With over 20 years in the residential property industry, I've developed strong skills in sales, product development, customer service, and project management. I recently made a career shift into software development, where I found that my experience in property sales and design, while different in nature, shared some valuable traits. One of these traits is my ability to thrive under pressure and meet tight deadlines as delivering on time is crucial.

Additionally, I'm mindful of various essential technologies, adapting to new tools, and continuously learning. In the property industry, staying updated with market trends was vital, and I've carried this adaptability into the tech world.

I've always been a knowledge sharer and am keen on collaboration, attributes that have served me well in my CodeClan journey. This transition has allowed me to explore both front-end and back-end web development, while embracing practices such as Agile, Scrum, Test-Driven Development, RESTful API design, and efficient GitHub usage. Real-world projects marked the end of my journey, opening doors to a rewarding career in software development and turning my lifelong dream into reality.

## PROJECTS

### Group Project - 1 of 4 Contributors

React MongoDB Recipes App ↗  
10/2023 - 10/2023

- Embraced Agile and Scrum methodologies for smooth project progression, utilising Mob/Pair Programming
- Unit Testing with React Testing Library for code reliability
- Efficiently managed collaboration through GitHub branches
- Designed an intuitive and visually appealing UI/UX
- Robust API implementation using Express and Node.js for enhanced functionality

### Sole Contributor

React MongoDB BrewDog Online Shop ↗  
09/2023 - 09/2023

- Demonstrated strong problem-solving skills and adaptability while working independently
- Successfully designed and developed a personal project from the ground up, demonstrating full-stack development skills.
- Proficient use of CSS for a polished user interface, mimicking existing BrewDog website

## SKILLS

Javascript  
React.js  
MongoDB  
Node.js  
Java  
Spring Boot  
Hibernate  
Python  
Postgres SQL  
HTML - CSS  
User Experience Design  
Git  
Full Stack  
Front End

## EDUCATION

### Professional Software Development

CodeClan  
07/2023 - Present  
Graduating November 2023

### Sales

Single Sales Principle  
07/2022 - 07/2022  
100% Pass with Distinction

### Management Training

Pareto Law  
03/2012 - 03/2012

### HND Computing Studies

Reid Kerr College  
08/1994 - 06/1997

### Sole Contributor

Python Flask Tennis Club Booking System ↗

08/2023 - 08/2023

- Gained initial experience in web development using Python, Flask, and PostgreSQL
- Demonstrated commitment, as a beginner, to project planning and development.
- Debugging using Breakpoints and Trace Points

## EXPERIENCE

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### Software Development Student

CodeClan - CodeBase

07/2023 - Present

The CodeClan 16-week course was an incredible learning experience that lasted over 800 hours. It provided a deep and comprehensive education in software development. During the program, I had the opportunity to explore programming fundamentals, focusing on languages such as Python, Java, and JavaScript while emphasising best practices.

### Sales Manager

CCG Homes Ltd

11/2017 - 05/2023

- Sales Department Relaunch: Receiving Multiple Awards and Exceeding Sales Targets by 20% Over GDV
- Marketing Management: Sales Materials, Market Analysis
- Recruitment & Training Leadership: Guiding New Staff and Nurturing Talent
- Product Development: Designs, Specifications, and Efficiency
- Legal Expertise: Ensuring compliance at all times
- Process Enhancement: Designing and Implementing Efficient Procedures
- Team Support: Conducting Staff Reviews, Appraisals, and Meeting Targets
- Engagement and Networking: Events and Building Key Relationships
- Problem-Solving: Design and Specification Challenges

### Head of Sales

Dandara Ltd

01/2007 - 11/2017

- Sales Department Launch: Aberdeen Sales Department
- Diverse Development Management: Guiding Projects for Various Buyer Preferences
- Sales Leadership Advancement: Sales Person, Manager and then to Head of Sales North East
- Innovative Process Enhancement
- Talent Acquisition Coordination
- Strategic Progression: Continual Improvement
- Scalability: Implementing Growth Strategies

## HOBBIES

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In my free time, I'm a pro at making life interesting! You'll often find me pedaling through scenic routes, which doubles as my excuse for an extra slice of cake.

I've also earned my stripes in the DIY realm - I'm the one you call when your bookshelf turns into a Rubik's Cube. And let's not forget tennis, where I've managed to master the art of hitting the ball into mysterious dimensions of the court (sometimes unintentionally).

When I'm not busy chasing tennis balls, I'm out in the great outdoors. I believe in "eargasmic" experiences, so I dabble in music, both as a listener and, occasionally, a shower-time rockstar.

Recently, I've embarked on some daring adventures in the world of short courses. From pottery (yes, I've managed to create some questionable art) to sewing

(let's just say my stitching skills have improved from "catastrophic" to "not-so-catastrophic"), and even golf (don't ask about my golf swing; it's a work in progress).

So, whether I'm pedaling, DIY-ing, serving aces, or creating pottery masterpieces (questionable as they may be), you can bet I'm making memorable moments at every turn!