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Front-End Web Developer

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SUMMARY

Front-end web developer with a strong foundation in HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and React, transitioning from an automotive engineering background that sharpened analytical and problem-solving skills. Experienced in building clean, responsive, and maintainable interfaces with a focus on performance and usability. Recently completed specialized front-end training, including React development, and currently expanding into backend technologies to become a full-stack developer. Committed to continuous learning and delivering impactful, real-world projects.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

B.S. Computer Science | Grand Valley State University – Allendale, MI (2022)

- Minors: Computer Engineering & Mathematics

Front-End Developer Certificate (Coursera - Meta) (2025)

- Completed a 9-course program covering HTML, CSS, JavaScript, React, Git, and UX/UI principles. Learned to build responsive, interactive websites through hands-on projects.

Professional React Developer Specialization (Coursera - Scrimba) (2025)

 Applied React fundamentals and advanced features in practical, real-world projects. Included coding challenges and interview prep to sharpen development and problem-solving skills.

PROJECTS

see personal website for more details on current web projects

Rebie's Bakery (HTML/CSS/JavaScript)

- A responsive website for a small bakery business that allows the owner to showcase her creations and reach new customers.

NBA Stats (React App)

 Interactive app for exploring basketball stats, featuring player and team comparisons, along with dynamic individual pages for each.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SIL/HIL Automotive Engineer (Stellantis FCA)

Internship: May – August 2022

Full-Time: January 2023 – November 2024

Began as a Plant Model Engineer, creating logic and signal networks of vehicle models for pre-production virtualization testing of un-released Stellantis vehicles. Transitioned into full time role, automated key plant model processes, drastically decreasing time-consuming manual tasks and errors. Later took on broader responsibilities with project pipeline management, including high priority project debugging and delivery.

SKILLS

- HTML

CSS

React

- JavaScript

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- MATLAB