

# Dexter Valencia

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## Summary

Front End Developer with a background in design and management looking to help upgrade, streamline, or debug client/server-side technologies. The interaction between user and machine to create something has been a fascination of mine since childhood. Keeping calm under pressure, beating deadlines, making right choices, displaying a positive vibe led to team respect and great careers. Trying to fix something that's broken and finding the solution is the best feeling ever. Next up is applying these skills to help build better web experiences.

## Technical Skills

**Languages:** HTML, CSS, Bootstrap, JavaScript, jQuery, ReactJS, NodeJS, Express, MySQL, SequelizeORM, MongoDB, Mongoose, Heroku, GitHub, Python

**Applications:** Photoshop CC, InDesign CC, Illustrator CC, Lightroom Classic, Acrobat Pro, Dreamweaver CC, Visual Studio Code, Terminal, Command Line, Pitstop, Macintosh OS X 10.13.6, Windows 10, Microsoft Word

## Projects

**ReMemory, Github:** <https://github.com/itsmedexter/React-Journal>

**Live Link:** <https://dry-wildwood-80906.herokuapp.com>

**Languages Used:** Mongo, Express, React, Node JS

- Created a React journal that allows users to save memories, search for old memories by tags.
- Sole creator of this project, from wire frame, user stories, Project kanban Board, API Routes, MERN Stack

**MixTaper, Github:** <https://github.com/itsmedexter/project2>

**Languages Used:** Javascript, NodeJS, MySQL, SequelizeORM

- MixTaper is a song playlist building and sharing platform that helps music lovers keep track of and organize all the music they are currently listening to.
- Created the routes for the backend in MySQL and helped where needed.

**Note Taker, Github:** [https://github.com/itsmedexter/Note\\_Taker](https://github.com/itsmedexter/Note_Taker)

**Live Link:** <https://powerful-everglades-60592.herokuapp.com/notes>

**Languages Used:** Javascript, Node Js, Express

- When run in the command line, the user starts at the landing page. When the "Get Started" button is pressed, a new page appears and the user can make a new note with title, save, edit existing notes.
- Most of the app was built, my object was to make sure all the routes are working via back-end.

## Experience

**Graphic Designer/Website Manager** 2/12 to 11/19

***The Catholic Voice***, Oakland, CA

Maintained and updated website, designed the East Bay Diocese's bi-monthly newspaper, created advertisements up to clients specifications, designed and updated yearly Diocesan phone directory, worked directly with press vendor to resolve issues, photographed local events to accompany articles

- Created special 50th anniversary edition of newspaper
- Conceptualized and designed branding for Diocese's 50th anniversary

**Graphic Designer** 12/08 to 2/12

***San Francisco Examiner***, San Francisco, CA

Collaborated with editors and peers to design front pages, cover stories, news sections, features pages under multiple daily deadlines

- Redesigned the newspaper giving it a fresh bold look to follow publications new direction
- Created special publication for SF MOMA's "The Steins Collect"

## Education

**Bootcamp Certificate: U.C. Berkeley Extension**, San Francisco, CA

A 12-week intensive program focused on gaining technical programming skills in HTML5, CSS3, Javascript, JQuery, Bootstrap, NodeJS, MySQL, MongoDB, Express, Handelbars.js & ReactJS.

**California State University Hayward**, Hayward, CA

Major: Digital Graphics and Multimedia

**Kelby Training**, Burlingame, Sacramento, CA

Photoshop CS3 Power Session

InDesign CS3 Seminar Tour

Shoot Like a Pro: Reloaded (Photography)

Lightroom on Tour