

# Marcus Smith | Full Stack Software Engineer

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## Software Engineering Skills

**Programming Languages:** Python3, JavaScript, HTML, CSS

**Frameworks and Libraries:** Node.js/Express, Mongoose, Django, jQuery, React.js

**Databases:** MongoDB, PostgreSQL

**Tools/Other:** Git, GitHub, RESTful APIs

## Other Skills

**Project Management:** Agile and Scrum project-management methodologies

**Leadership:** Team building, strategy, budgeting, Board relations, recruitment, performance, and culture

**Other Technical:** Excel (Advanced), Word (Advanced), Photoshop (Intermediate)

## Personal Statement

I am an established professional with skills in full-stack web-development, business strategy and management. My professional experiences include working in event-planning, with charities, with investors and most recently in founding a professional skills training business in Sierra Leone.

This breadth of experience, both as an employee and a business owner, has exposed me to a wide variety of challenges and problems which I have relished solving. I am looking forward to deploying my recent software engineering training by leveraging my experience and skills in a new, more technical environment.

## Relevant Experience

### Software Engineering Immersive Fellow, General Assembly

Remote | Dec '22 – Mar '23

Completed 500+ hours of expert-led instruction in JavaScript, Python, MongoDB, Node, React, and hands-on learning of web and mobile application fundamentals using the industry's most in-demand technologies.

Developed projects, including:

- **cancan:** A project-management tool similar to Trello built using MongoDB, Express, React, Node.js, Mongoose, HTML, CSS and JavaScript.  
[GitHub Repository](#) | [Deployed Link](#)
- **Foodio:** Recipes app built using MongoDB, Express, Node.js, Mongoose, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, utilizing Materialize framework and deployed to Heroku.  
[GitHub Repository](#) | [Deployed Link](#)
- **Portfolio:** A single page website built using HTML, CSS, JavaScript, utilizing the Bootstrap framework and deployed to Heroku.  
[GitHub Repository](#) | [Deployed Link](#)
- **Blackjack:** Browser-based game built with JavaScript, HTML & CSS.  
[GitHub Repository](#) | [Deployed Link](#)

### Chief Delivery Officer, LBD Group

Freetown, Sierra Leone | Oct '21 – Jun '22

- Architected the merger of four businesses, including Grow Salone, to create the LBD Group.
- Designed and implemented a centralised business development strategy and system.
- Supported CEO in writing of the 2022 business plan; led cost and sales forecasting for the period.
- Supported CEO in driving professional culture change throughout the organisation.

## Founder & Managing Director, Grow Salone

Freetown, Sierra Leone | Feb '19 – Jun '22

- Built Grow Salone from concept to exit at a valuation of \$150,000.
- Graduated >70 students from our Professional Skills Programme with an employment rate of 87%.
- Developed commercial relationships with the Government of Sierra Leone (Department for Science, Technology & Innovation), European Union in Sierra Leone, UNICEF, IOM and Coca-Cola.
- Founded a high-quality, technology-led start-up with dramatic educational and personal outcomes in a very low-resource environment – Sierra Leone was 9<sup>th</sup> poorest country in the world in 2019.

## Programme Manager, EducAid Sierra Leone

Freetown, Sierra Leone | Jan '14 – Dec '18

- Designed, implemented, and maintained a Google Sheets-based system to support management and efficiency of school network; the system gathered ~250 pieces of data per student per month in a network with over 3,000 students in 11 schools across 4 districts in Sierra Leone.
- Conducted a thorough HR review of resource-planning, performance, and remuneration packages for 160+ staff. Presented and subsequently implemented findings report that included formalisation of roles, improvement of performance-management procedures and new responsibility-based payroll system.
- Designed, implemented, and maintained donor-management systems.

## Other Roles & Consultancies

- Various Roles, TV & Film Production London, UK | Aug '14 – Sep '15
- Associate Analyst, ADCA Investments London, UK | Nov '13 – Aug '15
- Business Analyst, JCSL St. Helier, Jersey | Apr '14 – Aug '14
- Founder & Managing Director, Echo Festival London, UK / Croatia | Dec '11 – Jul '13

## Education

Software Engineering Immersive, General Assembly  
Bachelor of Arts in English Literature, University of Sussex

Remote | Dec '22 – Mar '23  
Brighton, UK | Oct '08 – Jun '12

## Links

General Links:

- GitHub: <https://github.com/marcuswonder>
- LinkedIn: [www.linkedin.com/in/marcusbrucesmith](https://www.linkedin.com/in/marcusbrucesmith)

cancan:

- Github: <https://github.com/marcuswonder/cancan.io>
- Deployed Link: <https://cancan.herokuapp.com/>

Foodio:

- GitHub: <https://github.com/marcuswonder/foodie.io>
- Deployed Link: <https://foodio-io-app.herokuapp.com/>

Portfolio:

- Github: <https://github.com/marcuswonder/portfolio>
- Deployed Link: <https://portfolio-marcus-smith.herokuapp.com/index.html>

Blackjack:

- GitHub: [https://github.com/marcuswonder/project\\_1\\_blackjack](https://github.com/marcuswonder/project_1_blackjack)
- Deployed Link: [https://marcuswonder.github.io/project\\_1\\_blackjack/](https://marcuswonder.github.io/project_1_blackjack/)