

Xolani Sodam

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

My name is Xolani and I reside in Cape Town great to meet you.

I am a motivated and adaptable individual who is committed to continuous learning, teamwork, and personal development. My passion for web design and problem-solving drives me to create functional, user-focused digital experiences. Using the experience I have gained in the retail environment, I ensure adaptability, excellent customer care, and a strong willingness to learn and improve to boost my career. I am actively building experience to compete in the global market, with a focus on using structured methodologies to analyze challenges and deliver effective solutions. I am eager to contribute to dynamic teams and grow within innovative, forward-thinking environments.

EDUCATION

Valhalla Sekondêre Skool

Matric Certificate

Elsiesrivier, Western Cape

Dec, 2022

Subjects: English HL, Afrikaans, Mathematics lit, Geography, Business stud, Life Science, Life Orientation

Life Choices Academy

Full-stack Web developer certificate

Lansdown, Western Cape

April, 2025

CERTIFICATIONS AND SKILLS PROFILE

Certification

Fullstack web development certificate

Introduction to Cybersecurity – Cisco Networking Academy, 2024

Introduction to Data science – Cisco Networking Academy, 2024

Development Technologies

HTML, CSS3, JavaScript, PHP, Oracle, Oracle Apex,

Bootstrap, Vue.js, Node.js, Git & Github

Databases

MYSQL(basic queries, relational design)

Security

Experience in secure authentication methods

understanding in the web security principle (HTTPS, CORS)

Deployment Tools

Vercel (project hosting & CI/CD)

Netlify (static site deployment)

GitHub Pages

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

HR Management System | Life Choices Academy

Month Year–Month Year

- **Database Design** & Management, Creating relational schemas, Writing SQL queries, Understanding data relationships and Normalization

- **Backend Development**, RESTful API development (Node.js, PHP), secure user login, Implementing logic for employee records, authentication, roles & permissions.
- **Frontend Development**, Designing responsive UI for dashboards. Using different frameworks
- **Problem Solving and business logic**, Handling real-time HR scenarios like leave approval and payroll tracking
- **Deployment**, Hosting systems. Managing environment and production settings

E-commerce | Group Project

January 2025–February 2025

Built a fully functional e-commerce website with product listings, shopping cart, checkout system, and user authentication. Used HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and MySQL to manage product data and user accounts. Integrated secure login/logout, order placement, and admin features.

- Understanding user experience (UX) and UI design principle
- Planning a multi-step project from concept workflows
- Adapting a multi step project from concept to deployment
- adapting features to real world constraints
- Time and task management

Visio | Independent Project

Building a pixel-perfect clone of a professional website under competitive pressure for a placement

- **Pixel-Perfect Frontend Implementation**, Translating exact UI mockups into code. Paying close attention to detail
- **Advanced HTML & CSS**, Mastering layout techniques, using HTML semantic for accessibility and structure
- **Version Control & Workload**, Working under time pressure, using Git to manage updates
- Possibly working in branches and committing clean, logical changes
- learning quickly to meet unfamiliar expectations or tools

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

TFG (The Fix), Claremont

August 2023–May 2024

Fashion Assistant

I have a year's experience in the retail industry, where I developed strong customer service and problem-solving skills. In my role as a sales associate/ fashion assistant, I excelled in understanding customer needs, managing transactions as a teller, and maintaining stock. This experience taught me the importance of effective communication and the ability to work in a fast-paced environment.

- **Customer care**, Handling customer inquiries and complaints professionally. Creating experiences for customers, Communication, Explaining products, services, and policies clearly to customers
- **Team Work**, collaborating with others. Trading places for coworker during busy hours or store events
- **Sales**, Product recommendation, Meeting sale target & KPIs
- **Adaptability**, Adjusting to changes in store layouts, promotions and policies. Learn new systems
- **Cash Handling**, Operating registers, card machines and handling refunds
- **Merchandising**, arranging displays to attract customers
- **Conflict Resolution**, dealing with difficult customer and colleagues

The Unlimited, Cape Town

August 2024–October 2024

Insurance Salesman

- **Goal Orientation**, Working under sales targets or quotas. Managing time and energy toward high-priority leads
- **Sales Pitching**, Craft compelling arguments that match customer needs. Explaining complex insurance products in simple terms
- **Negotiation**, Handling objections and turning “maybes” into yes. Find win-win outcomes with customers