

# 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. With a certificate in Data science and the skill to analyze databases and business data as well as statistics.

## EDUCATION

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### 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

### StellieTech

Data Science/ Data Analytics

Stellenbosch, Western Cape

August 2025 – October 2025

## CERTIFICATIONS AND SKILLS PROFILE

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### Certification

Fullstack web development certificate

Introduction to Cybersecurity – Cisco Networking Academy, 2024

Introduction to Data science – Cisco Networking Academy, 2024

Data Science BIZ – CertNexus, StellieTech

### Development Technologies

HTML, CSS3, JavaScript, PHP, Oracle, Oracle Apex,  
Bootstrap, Vue.js, React, Node.js, Git & GitHub, Excel,  
Power BI, Tableau

### Databases

SQL(basic queries, relational design)

MongoDB

phpMyAdmin

### 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

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### Website & Management System | New Jerusalem of All Nations

September–Present

Building a church fully functional website that has a management system as well. With a fully functional dashboard and sidebar with a couple of functions

- **Database Design & Management**, Created a Database using MongoDB a database functioning based on json data and querying using json data
- **Backend Development**, RESTful API development (Node.js, Express), secure user login, Implementing logic for employee records, authentication, roles & permissions.
- **Frontend Development**, Designing responsive UI for dashboards. Using different frameworks the management system uses MEARN stack and fully functional. Then the official webpage of the church uses vanilla javascript as well as node.js and express.
- **Problem Solving and business logic**, Handling real-time HR scenarios worker management inside the church administrators, updates for the official website, email subscription handling and giving as well.

**Deployment, Hosting systems. Managing environment and production settings**

### HR Management System | Life Choices Academy

October 2025–November 2025

- **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

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### 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
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