

BOOK OF SUPER AWESOME DEVELOPERS

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FIND YOUR NEXT WEB DEVELOPER

ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

DecodeMTL's immersive bootcamp is a hyper intensive 8-week program focused on web development. Students with completely different backgrounds code day and night in their journey to becoming a web developer.

Our graduates have built full-stack applications from scratch utilizing their skills in JavaScript (Node, React), MySQL, HTML, CSS, and a variety of other tools/frameworks. But most of all, they have learned to think like developers, how to break down problems, and how to look for solutions.

MEET OUR GRADS:

All of our grads come from different backgrounds. With a variety of different personalities, skills, and previous work experience, you are likely to find that perfect candidate for your needs. Take a look through this booklet to find out more about our graduates.

HOW TO HIRE:

Internship: Hire them for 3 months as an intern with the possibility to convert to full-time.

Full-Time: Make them a permanent member of your team.

Contract: Hire them for short-term or long-term contracts.

QUESTIONS?

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JULIAN BINDER



ABOUT ME:

A Toronto native fallen in love with Montreal, I am a passionate, creative person whose modus operandi is to always present my very best, and strive to keep my glass half full. Apart from an interest in coding, I'm a self-taught dabbler in electronic music production, and someone who loves thinking about the big picture and then making it happen (I am a proud co-author of a rejected Y-Combinator application, if that counts!).

WHY ARE YOU LEARNING TO CODE?

Like skills in music, coding can give one the ability to bring their ideas into reality, without relying on other people ("relying" as in the 20 year old business student who hires someone to build his mediocre idea and is left with a buggy mess). This freedom to create is what drew me to coding.

WHAT DID YOU DO IN YOUR PREVIOUS LIFE?

I was a student at McGill University, in Marketing and North American Studies, where I received the NAS Book Prize and worked as an economics research assistant. I have also worked as a marketing intern in Singapore.

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CELINE BROOMHEAD



ABOUT ME:

I am originally from San Francisco and came to Montreal specifically for the DecodeMTL bootcamp. Back at home, I enjoy a wide range of physical and mental activities which challenge me on a daily basis. I have a natural curiosity towards trying new things and keep an open mind to everything and everyone. I consider myself to be an epicurean and often seek the outdoors, food, music, and the arts.

WHY ARE YOU LEARNING TO CODE?

I am learning to code because I have decided to change the course of my career path. My initial curiosity stemmed from my natural inclination to gravitate toward the technical side of things. In my previous roles working for technology companies, I always enjoyed working with the development teams and was inspired by their work which solved real-world problems. I realized quickly that coding was empowering and something that improves the life of others. I chose to do DecodeMTL to jumpstart the adventure of life as developer.

WHAT DID YOU DO IN YOUR PREVIOUS LIFE?

Before beginning DecodeMTL, I was in a Customer Success role for a start-up in the physical security space; the product is a web application for physical security system administrators. My primary responsibilities were customer on-boarding, training, and ensuring contract renewals. My role also weaved in opportunities to work closely with the marketing and the development teams. As a frontline employee, I was in a great position to provide user feedback and present behaviour patterns to other departments. My contributions influenced the product feature roadmap and marketing messages.

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JARED CARBONNEAU



ABOUT ME:

I have a house in the suburbs, a wife and pets. I speak 4 languages after living overseas for over 7 years. When I'm not coding, I can be found renovating my house, tinkering with my reef aquarium, researching my latest DIY project, doing volunteer work or taking care of my pets.

WHY ARE YOU LEARNING TO CODE?

I am learning to code as part of my career change. I chose coding because I've always been fascinated by anything tech and I enjoy doing small tech projects. Coding called out to me because it's a cool blend of math and computer science theory and real-world useful applications. Coming from a background of trade-work I liked that code can be skillfully crafted into beautiful things.

WHAT DID YOU DO IN YOUR PREVIOUS LIFE?

My pre-bootcamp life was very different from where I'm heading now. I grew up in a family of tradesmen and I am a licensed master carpenter. My only post-secondary education is a DEP that I took as part of my apprenticeship. I lived in the Dominican Republic for 3 years doing volunteer construction work and 5 years in China doing freelance English teaching and QC inspections. I'm back home now, and I look forward to the next adventure: a career in coding!

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SIMON DORVIL



ABOUT ME:

I grew up in a few cities in the US and Europe, but I am originally from Montreal. I recently studied Finance at Concordia's John Molson School of Business, which wasn't all that fun. I enjoy music and cinema, but above all working with friends on various projects.

WHY ARE YOU LEARNING TO CODE?

I am learning how to code because of its endless possible uses. Having to rely on developers around me to build simple web pages helped me realize the urgency to learn code. The creative and problem solving aspect is motivating, but being in a discipline in the drastically changing field of computer science makes it all that more exciting.

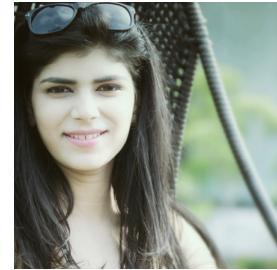
WHAT DID YOU DO IN YOUR PREVIOUS LIFE?

Most of my work experience can be bottled in the music and film industry. I was initiated to concert production while attending Brébeuf, where I quickly fell in love with the industry and luckily ended producing artists like Moderat, Flux Pavilion and John Hopkins. Wanting to move away from the routine of production, I branched out in music publishing and concert design, which gave me the opportunity to travel and meet the beautiful people that are making live electronic music possible around the world. Moving closer to the creative facets of the industry, I was pushed a few years ago into film production (by an amazing someone) to produce and co-direct videoclips for a few artists from Montreal like Robert Robert, Frame and RYAN Playground.

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SHREYA KAICKER



ABOUT ME:

My name is Shreya. I am from New Delhi, India. I like to travel around the world. I like to learn new skills, meet new people and explore the world.

WHY ARE YOU LEARNING TO CODE?

I am learning code to start a web development company of my own and make my own website and app for my business, and for other businesses.

WHAT DID YOU DO IN YOUR PREVIOUS LIFE?

Before the bootcamp, I studied Sociology and Fashion Retail Management and worked in the field of Retail Jewellery.

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KATARINA LINGAT



ABOUT ME:

My name is Katarina, better known as Kash. I grew up on a ski hill, which would explain why I learned to ski before I could walk. Skiing made me love going fast and inspired me to reach new heights, literally. Learning to fly planes has taught me how to work under pressure. Math was my strongest subject in school and I love solving problems. I also like working on projects, whether it's a DIY or a coding challenge.

WHY ARE YOU LEARNING TO CODE?

Growing up, I would run to my computer after school and patiently wait as the 90's tune of dial-up connected me to the digital world. My parents fumed at the busy phone-line. They would soon discover it was only the beginning of a digital obsession. I exchanged chores for a flip-phone and wrote "MacBook Pro" on every surface in our family home until I finally got one. I would spend hours learning the back-end of things. What was first a hobby became my greatest career venture. I am learning to code because I want to actively contribute to a space where innovation, creativity, problem-solving, entrepreneurship, and technology intertwine.

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WHAT DID YOU DO IN YOUR PREVIOUS LIFE?

Pre-bootcamp, my life was all about takeoffs and landings, traffic control, and engine parts. 60 hours of flight time, countless hours of part-time work to fund my dream, and an unthinkable amount of time spent studying, I can proudly boast that I am one small step away from being a certified private pilot. Check #1 on my life list. A year of adventure in Whistler followed, where my days were filled with powder skiing, glaciers, and heli-skiing - Check #2. However, a ski accident lead to a broken arm, and certainly not on my life list. It allowed me some down-time to brush up on my coding skills that had been put away while I focused on other things. Coming back to Quebec, meant it was time to get serious about my career. Where passion is happiness and success, I pursued my love for coding, computers, and all things digital. Completing the DecodeMTL bootcamp will memorably be one of the most important checks off my life list.

MAXIME MARTIN



ABOUT ME:

I am born and raised in the Montreal Area. I completed my bachelors degree in Mathematics at Université de Montreal with a concentration in actuarial science. After working five years managing a small business, I developed a passion for entrepreneurship and product development, especially in technology. I love innovative solutions that change social consumer habits; anything from augmented reality to web development interest me. I like pushing myself outside of my comfort zone, to grow personally and professionally. In my free time, I love board games, tennis, beach volleyball or any other team games with my friends.

WHY ARE YOU LEARNING TO CODE?

I am passionate about technology and web products. I believe coding is a main tool for technology creativity. There are so many useful creative products that you can create with programming . I've always had a high interest in mathematics and programming, however I didn't know how to use it in real life situations. Discovering programming in a web development context has become a passion because I love the end product and the multiple applications to real life problems.

WHAT DID YOU DO IN YOUR PREVIOUS LIFE?

After university, I worked about a year in a pension plan consulting firm in actuarial science. I then took the opportunity to manage my family's business, a golf course and reception halls. I ended up managing the whole hospitality division of 80 employees. It was an amazing experience where I made my main focuses client satisfaction, efficient operations and our team happiness at work. I love IT business solutions to improve small business efficiency and realizing this made me want to switch my career from being a client of technology services to offering technology services.

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BRENDAN METCALFE



ABOUT ME:

I grew up in Toronto, moved to Boston for university, and now live and work in Montreal. I am a Canadian/American dual citizen and I hold a B.Sc in Business Administration from Babson College. In my spare time I enjoy playing sports, reading, and improving my French.

WHY ARE YOU LEARNING TO CODE?

I am learning to code so I can use computers in useful ways that make people's lives better. I find myself equally interested in front end and back end development. The front end appeals to my creative/entrepreneurial side, where I enjoy designing and building products. The back end appeals to my math/finance side, where I enjoy working with low-level data. My goal is to become a well-balanced full-stack developer.

WHAT DID YOU DO IN YOUR PREVIOUS LIFE?

Prior to learning how to code, I worked in venture capital, commercial banking, startups, and IT consulting. My first work experience was a summer internship at a VC firm in Silicon Valley, where I was first exposed to tech and startups. While finishing my degree I worked for a Boston-based startup, raising capital and doing sales. After graduation I worked for a bank, managing commercial loans for technology companies. I then moved to Montreal and worked for a major IT consulting company until joining DecodeMTL.

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JESSICA MITCHELL



ABOUT ME:

Hi! I'm Jess. I've recently made the career switch from mental health services to web development. I've always been interested in problem solving tough situations, doing work that requires a lot of adapting and collaborating, and working hard for even those little victories. After years of working individually with people to improve their wellbeing, I now want to focus on development projects that can make a larger collective impact.

WHY ARE YOU LEARNING TO CODE?

My initial interest in coding was sparked by having multiple moments in my previous career where I thought, "There must be a better way to do this." Working with a scheduling software that didn't meet company needs or having to look through a phone book for social service listings made me wonder how existing software can be improved and how physical data can be utilized in an app format. I wondered enough times that I decided I should find out for myself and now I'm hooked.

WHAT DID YOU DO IN YOUR PREVIOUS LIFE?

In my "previous life" I completed a bachelor's degree in psychology from Ryerson University and managed a recovery centre in downtown Toronto. On the side I worked as a freelance portrait artist and always wanted to merge creative interests with technical skills. In 2015, I moved to Montreal from Toronto to attend graduate school for social work and ended up being most interested in the work I did for a professor building and managing her research group's website.

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DYLAN PELLETIER



ABOUT ME:

I grew up in rural Northern Ontario and after high school I moved to Montreal in order to attend McGill University. I completed my bachelor's degree in English Literature with minors in Anthropology and Spanish. I enjoy learning new things, reading, and traveling. I have traveled fairly extensively around Asia.

WHY ARE YOU LEARNING TO CODE?

I decided to learn to code after returning to Canada because it was after I returned that I was first introduced to coding. I began my coding experience with Python, HTML, and CSS and I enjoyed the online courses that I followed. I decided I wanted to learn more deeply about coding, potentially to find work in Canada and to change careers. I would like to use what I've learned here at DecodeMTL to further my prospects of working in web development.

WHAT DID YOU DO IN YOUR PREVIOUS LIFE?

Before the bootcamp, I was an English teacher in South Korea for 11 years. I taught students of all ages in various institutions ranging from daycares to public elementary schools to offices. My youngest students were toddlers and my oldest students were adult office workers looking to improve their English skills. I returned to Canada in order to enrol my daughter in the first grade of elementary school here in Canada.

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PAULINE ROUSSEAU



ABOUT ME:

My name is Pauline, I was born in France, lived in England for several years and moved to Canada nearly 6 years ago. I graduated in English Language but soon decided to take a different path. I love food and everything related to it.

WHY ARE YOU LEARNING TO CODE?

I was looking for a new challenge since the routine of my then current job was not as exciting anymore. I got introduced to code by my partner who is launching his own tech start up and slowly but surely it settled into my mind. I am hard working and patient and I love solving problems so web development seemed to be a good move with numerous job opportunities.

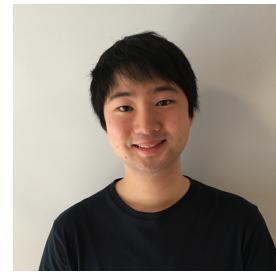
WHAT DID YOU DO IN YOUR PREVIOUS LIFE?

After graduating from University to be an English teacher I accidentally discovered the world of cheese and decided to go for it. I was a fine cheese specialist for 15 years. I worked in three different countries as a shop manager but also “behind” the scene where I took care of the cheeses in cellars. I was also in charge of supplying the finest restaurants of London and got to the opportunity to manage the warehouse logistic of a cheese importing company in Montreal.

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TAKANARI SASAKI



ABOUT ME:

I was born in Japan, and at the age of six, I moved to Montreal with my family. I've been living my life in Montreal since then. On my free time, I listen to music, watch movies, and go out with my friends. I am positive, hardworking, and enthusiastic about taking up new challenges.

WHY ARE YOU LEARNING TO CODE?

I decided to learn coding because I really like the idea of creating new things from scratch using logic and problem solving skills, as well as imagination and creativity. Also, there are so many opportunities in the field of development. We can work for different companies, each having their own ideas, values, and vision. I would really like to be part of those who bring up new ideas, then turn these ideas into reality so that people can take advantage of.

WHAT DID YOU DO IN YOUR PREVIOUS LIFE?

Before coming to decodeMTL bootcamp, I was attending McGill University, majoring in Computer Science. In fact, I will be entering in my second year next semester. When I attended a meet up with seniors in computer science, one of them recommended us to attend coding bootcamp, where we get to brush up our practical skills very quickly, which is one of the reasons I'm here!

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KARA SCHAEFER



ABOUT ME:

My name is Kara Schaefer, I was born in Inuvik N.W.T., raised in British Columbia, and am new to Montréal since October 2015. I grew up in a small town called Smithers in B.C. I love to explore the outdoors and rock-climbing. I am also passionate about community health and I have a BSc with a major in Kinesiology.

WHY ARE YOU LEARNING TO CODE?

I took my first coding course one year ago and I was astounded at the possibilities with even simple programming languages. In my first course I made a zombie game and a video-interactive ninja-fruit-cutting game and I knew I was onto something special. I love puzzles and problem-solving, I am hoping to find a job as a junior developer and to learn much more!

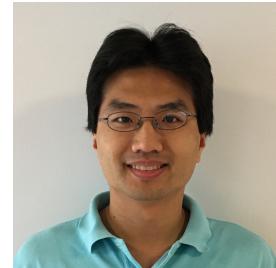
WHAT DID YOU DO IN YOUR PREVIOUS LIFE?

Before I came into the bootcamp, I worked as a forest firefighter for three years. I had the opportunity to learn about team-work, personal-management, and working within risks and hazards. There were many aspects of the job that I truly loved but I could not find a work-life balance that was sustainable for me. After the 2015 fire season ended I crossed a big bucket-list item off my list and moved to Montreal.

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DENNIS TSANG



ABOUT ME:

As a person who constantly searches for new knowledge and experiences, my main interest encompasses art, technology and sports. As an avid social dancer, PC gamer and volleyball player, I have always find joy in the journeys by achieving my best. Along the journey, I have become resourceful and autonomous while cooperating with people of all walks of life on the dance floor, online and on the courts. I am looking forward to my journey into programming!

WHY ARE YOU LEARNING TO CODE?

I came to DecodeMTL to learn coding in order to make a career change. As a person who enjoys tackling various challenges at work, the prospect of becoming a programmer seemed natural to me. Coding provides the opportunity for continuous learning of different concepts to solve new challenges. Furthermore, as programming becomes more prominent in an increasingly wide variety of industries, the possibilities are endless. These are the main reasons why I have decided to focus on coding.

WHAT DID YOU DO IN YOUR PREVIOUS LIFE?

As a mechanical engineering graduate, I have experience in both the product R&D industry and the custom industrial equipment industry. From project engineering in product design process to sales application engineering, I have always enjoyed working with others to tackle various technological challenges. The balance between the client's and the company's interests was always maintained while keeping liability and profitability in mind. In all, I have six years of experience in engineering.

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UPCOMING CLASSES, WORKSHOPS, & EVENTS

AUG 30

6:00PM - 7:30PM

Free admission

DEMYSTIFYING JAVASCRIPT

JavaScript expert Anastasi Bakolias breaks down the language in plain English in this free talk.

SEP 13

\$1,995 for 10 Weeks

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HTML & CSS

Learn to write clean, standards-compliant code, and become acquainted with the fundamentals of web design.

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