

Devon Gifford

Fullstack Developer



With over 5 years in the tech industry, I specialize in **React & TypeScript**.

Transitioning back into web development, after an invaluable experience in software testing at a **major FAANG company**.

PRIMARY SKILLS

React | TypeScript | JavaScript
Next | Vite | Node | Tailwind
Jest | Vitest | Playwright | Zod

SECONDARY SKILLS

Python | Swift | Docker | Figma
Redux | Zustand | React Native
GraphQL | MongoDB | PostgreSQL

QUICK LINKS

- [portfolio website](#)
- [linkedin.com/in/dbgifford](#)
- [github.com/DevonGifford](#)
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EDUCATION

Zero to Mastery Academy
Fullstack Bootcamp
2022 - 2023

IMM Graduate School
Bachelor in Business Administration
2013 - 2016

CTU Training Solutions
Certificate in Project Management
2012 - 2013

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Locale/Team Lead @ Apple (cognizant)

Jan 2022 - Jan 2023 | Madrid, Spain

Promoted, I took on leadership responsibilities alongside my daily engineering tasks;

- **Co-led** a division, **directly responsible** for three teams.
- Provided performance feedback reports and **facilitated onboarding**.
- Maintained and **created documentation** to Apple standards.

Quality Engineer @ Apple (cognizant)

Sep 2021 - Jan 2023 | Madrid, Spain

Tested a widely adopted AI/ML virtual assistant, following Agile-driven methodologies;

- Created & maintained **test automation**, triaged results with detailed **bug reports**.
- Conducted API and **end-to-end testing** utilizing **Python & Swift**.

Frontend Developer @ Mashauri Ltd.

Jun 2019 - Oct 2019 | Madrid, Spain

Played a role in an EdTech start-up oriented around teaching entrepreneurialism;

- Designed wireframes, providing **UI/UX design** and mock ups.
- Developed landing pages & forms using **JavaScript & React**.

Jr Frontend Developer @ Out-of-the-Cube

Jan 2019 - June 2019 | Johannesburg, South Africa

Contributed effectively within a dynamic team at a South African art auction start-up;

- Developed **responsive** web interfaces using **JavaScript & jQuery**.
- Assisted in database design and optimization efforts using **MySQL**.

WordPress Developer @ Freelance

2015 - Jan 2019 | Cape Town, South Africa

Targeting SME's in hospitality, I helped drive engagement & bookings by;

- Developed user-friendly websites integrating **booking & e-commerce plug-ins**.
- Ensuring **ongoing maintenance** and brand alignment.

ORGANIZATIONS

Zero to Mastery Academy | Teaching Assistant

June 2023 - present

Recognized for active engagement, **appointed** as a star-mentor to guide students in topics such as; React, Next.js, JavaScript, TypeScript, Node & Testing.

MentorCruise.com | Mentorship program

Aug 2023 - Jan 2024

Engaged in a paid one-on-one mentorship program, collaborating with **senior developers** through **code reviews & paired programming** sessions, focusing on modern best practices.

PERSONAL PROJECTS

Flatmate Finder [↗](#)

Vite • Vitest • TypeScript • Tailwind • Firebase • TanStack • React-Hook-Form • Zod Validation

A **real-world** personal project to optimize the flatmate search process. Implemented a **Tinder-style** swipe interface for tenants to asynchronously review applicants.

ClearScore Ideaboard [↗](#)

Vite • TypeScript • React-Hook-Form • Zod • Tailwind • Vitest • ShadCN

Frontend technical assessment showcasing **clean code** and **testing**, in a modern responsive React application. Notable features include **local storage persistence** and **sorting**.

Thymia 2-back game [↗](#)

Next14 • TypeScript • Tailwind • SSR • Jest • React Testing Library

Gamified adaptation of classic cognitive test using **Next.js** with global state management, integrating **timed intervals**, error logging, simulated post requests, and toggle functionality for **event log** display.