Devon Gifford
Fullstack Developer

With **over 7 years** in the tech industry, I specialize in **React & TypeScript**.

Ex-FAANG with a background in quality engineering, now leading modern frontend projects and initiatives.

PRIMARY SKILLS

React | TypeScript | JavaScript

Next | Vite | Node | Tailwind

Jest | Vitest | PlayWright | Zod

SECONDARY SKILLS

Python | Lua | Docker | Figma

Redux | Zustand | React Native

GraphQL | MongoDB | PostgreSQL

QUICK LINKS

🌐 portfolio website

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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

Lead Frontend Developer   *@ TÜV Rheinland*
Jan 2025 - present | Madrid, Spain

Led the greenfield rewrite to a headless CMS using **Next.js**, **TypeScript**, and **Storybook**;
- Directed frontend architecture, integrating dynamic content & component management.
- Managed a **team of 10+ engineers**, driving scaling efforts and optimizing dev workflows.

Senior Fullstack Developer   *@ TÜV Rheinland*
June 2024 - Jan 2025 | Madrid, Spain

Joined a large-scale legacy system, focusing on SSG optimizations & custom CMS integration;
- Utilized legacy pattern-Lab system with **Handlebars.js**, **Mustache**, **jQuery** & **Sass**.
- Led migration from Webtrekk to FullStory, while driving maintenance and **bug fixes**.

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**.

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 - Feb 2020 | Madrid, Spain

Played a role in an EdTech start-up oriented around teaching entrepreneurialism;
- Designed wireframes and built landing pages with **HTML**, **CSS**, and **JavaScript**.
- Integrated **Moodle** and ensured the theme matched the original website.

Jr Frontend Developer   *@ Out-of-the-Cube*
Oct 2018 - June 2019 | Johannesburg, South Africa

WordPress Developer   *@ Freelance*
2015 - Jan 2019 | Cape Town, South Africa

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 - present

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.