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Junior Full Stack Developer specializing in bespoke e-commerce solutions. Currently building custom Django platforms and SaaS-based stores (Shopify/Squarespace) for small businesses. Combining a University Diploma with professional freelance experience to deliver high-conversion, user-centric digital products.

Technical Skill Set

Technologies		Version Control and Additional Skills	
Front-End	Back-End	E-commerce & SaaS	Tools & Workflow
HTML5 CSS3 JavaScript TypeScript (Learning) React / Redux (Learning) jQuery Bootstrap Tailwind	Python Django MySQL PostgreSQL SQL MongoDB Flask Jest	Shopify (Liquid) Squarespace WordPress Stripe API Integration Mailchimp SEO Optimization AIO	Git / GitHub Heroku Netlify Agile UX Design Cloudinary AWS

Education

Completed - July 2025

Code Institute

Dublin, Ireland (Remote)

Diploma in Full stack Software Development - Accredited by the University West of Scotland, Level 8

Commercial & Client Projects

Bespoke E-commerce Engine – Luxury Home Décor (In Process)

Developing a fully custom e-commerce platform by leveraging a Django base template I previously engineered to streamline development and ensure a secure, scalable foundation.

Building out a bespoke backend with custom fields to handle complex inventory needs that "off-the-shelf" platforms simply couldn't manage for the client.

Integrating Cloudinary for high-performance image hosting and transformation, ensuring the luxury brand's high-resolution visuals load instantly.

Managing a multi-provider payment system by integrating both Stripe and PayPal APIs for a flexible, secure checkout experience. The Goal: Providing the client with total ownership of their data and a unique interface that matches the premium nature of their home décor brand.

Guiding Stars Feng Shui – Brand-Focused E-commerce Site

Built a design-led, high-aesthetic site on Squarespace that feels more like a brand experience than just a store.

Used Custom CSS and HTML blocks to break out of standard templates, perfectly matching the client's unique, natural style.

Put a major focus on UX/UI design to create a calming, intuitive flow for customers booking services or buying digital products.

Made sure the site was SEO and AIO ready from day one, helping the brand stand out in a specific niche wellness market.

Mary Plaster Mouldings – Shopify E-commerce Store

Created a bespoke Shopify storefront for a specialist interior décor business, handling everything from the design to the full product catalog setup.

Set up secure payment integrations and a streamlined checkout to make the buying process as simple as possible for customers.

Focused on a mobile-first interface that balances the elegance of handcrafted products with a fast, modern user experience.

Boosted the site's visibility by applying performance tweaks and SEO/AIO strategies to help more people find their artisanal work.

The Good Skin Company – Comprehensive Resource & E-commerce Site

Developed an information-heavy site for a skin clinic, designed to act as both a professional resource and a high-performing shop. Built the site with a heavy focus on SEO and AIO, ensuring the clinic's treatment guides and blogs are easily found by search engines and AI.

Designed a custom search feature and a smooth user journey to help turn readers into patients and customers.

Used Squarespace with Custom CSS to maintain a minimalist, luxury feel while still managing large amounts of data and high traffic.

Focused on lead generation and marketing throughout the build to ensure the site actually helps grow the business.

Personal Projects

One Thing – Mobile-First Wellness Tool - Built this minimalist productivity app to help people focus on one task at a time instead of a cluttered to-do list.

Tech: Built with Vanilla JavaScript and hosted on Netlify for a fast, offline-ready mobile experience.

GitHub: [monicathomas8/One-Thing](https://github.com/monicathomas8/One-Thing)

DreamScapes – Full-Stack E-commerce Application - My first deep dive into a complete e-commerce build, where art meets imagination.

Tech: HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Python+Django, MySQL, Stripe, and Mailchimp.

GitHub: [monicathomas8/Dreamscapes](https://github.com/monicathomas8/Dreamscapes)

The Explorer's Post – Travel Blog Platform - A dynamic web application designed for sharing captivating travel stories.

Tech: HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Python+Django, and MySQL.

GitHub: [monicathomas8/The-Explorers-Post](https://github.com/monicathomas8/The-Explorers-Post)

Working Hours Tracker – Python Automation - Created this tool to solve a real-world problem: accurately calculating daily hours worked (minus breaks) and tracking monthly pay.

Tech: Python.

Live App: [Monica's Pay Tracker](#)

Friends Quiz - A fun, interactive game based on the TV show that helped me master JavaScript logic and user interaction.

Tech: HTML, CSS, JavaScript.

GitHub: [monicathomas8/quiz-game](https://github.com/monicathomas8/quiz-game)

Monica's Meditation Corner – Educational Static Site - I designed this peaceful, static website to help people learn about the history and practice of meditation.

Tech: HTML, CSS.

GitHub: [monicathomas8/Meditationspace](https://github.com/monicathomas8/Meditationspace)

Career History

Freelance Web Developer | *June 2025 – Present*

I partner with small businesses to take their ideas from a concept to a live, high-performing website. Whether I'm building a custom Django engine or a bespoke Shopify store, my focus is always on creating a site that actually works for the business - meaning it's fast, easy for the client to manage, and fully optimized for how people (and AI) search today. I handle the technical "heavy lifting" from hosting to SEO, so clients can focus on running their brands.

Site Manager (Consecutive Roles) | *May 2022 – Sept 2025 Guinot Institut Richmond & Luminis Wellness, London*

I ran the day-to-day operations for high-end London clinics/ wellness centers. I was responsible for everything from hitting financial targets to lead-generation marketing. I spent my time making sure the team was supported and the "client journey" was flawless. I'm a natural problem-solver, and I loved finding ways to tweak our internal workflows to make the business run smoother and keep our customers coming back.

Contact Centre Development Manager | *May 2016 – Dec 2020 Premier Laser & Skin, London*

This was a "build from scratch" role where I designed and launched the central contact centre for a rapidly growing clinic group. I wasn't just managing people; I was building the systems, choosing the tech, and using data to figure out how to improve the way we talked to our customers. It was here that I realized how much I enjoyed the intersection of business strategy and technology.

Additional Experience

Hackathon – 3rd Place: Run, Rudolph, Run! (Dec 2025)

Collaborated in a cross-functional team to build a Front-End browser game under a tight 3-day deadline; focused on UI styling and version control.

ONE Campaign – Ambassador | 2016 – 2018

Led grassroots advocacy and lobbied political leaders to influence global policy on poverty and public health. Successfully managed local outreach and public engagement events to drive community awareness.

Certificates/Continuous Development

- AS levels, GCSEs (English, English Lit, Maths, Drama, Technology)
- Level 4 PTTLS (Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Sector)
- LinkedIn Learning: WordPress Essential Training
- SEEDL Certificate of Achievement-Customer Delivery Excellence - Understanding style awareness part 1 & part 2