

LEON POTGIETER

Junior Full-stack Software Developer

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Summary

I am a junior software developer with a diploma in Full Stack Software Development from Code Institute. I'm proficient in Python (Django), JavaScript (React), and HTML/CSS, and I am certified as a Microsoft Cloud Administrator. I have built and deployed several customer-facing full-stack applications and am passionate about learning new technologies. As a career changer with a master's degree in social sciences, I bring extensive experience from previous roles as a manager, public speaker, and visionary leader in cross-cultural contexts.

Technical Skillset

Languages:	Python, JavaScript, HTML, CSS.
Frameworks:	Django, React, Flask, Bootstrap
Version Control:	GitHub, Git
Deployment:	Azure Cloud (AZ-104 Certified), Linux, Docker, GitHub Actions, Heroku
Databases:	PostgreSQL
Libraries:	jQuery, Stripe
Additional:	Agile, UX Design, E-commerce, Affiliate Marketing, SEO
Current Fascinations:	C# & .NET

Education

Jan 2024 - Present	Code Institute Dublin, Ireland (Remote) Diploma in Full-stack Software Development
2013 - 2016	South African Theological Seminary Johannesburg, South Africa Master's Degree in Integrative Theology (Cum Laude)
2005 - 2008	Auckland Park Theological Seminary Johannesburg, South Africa Bachelor's degree in theology (Cum Laude)

Portfolio Projects

- **Heritage Company** - E-commerce platform selling luxury watches. Includes a functioning checkout and payment system with email verification | [Django](#), [Python](#), [JavaScript](#), [PostgreSQL](#), [Stripe API](#), [HTML](#), [CSS](#)
[GitHub](#) - <https://github.com/leomp84/code-institute-project-5>
- **TaskFlow** - A free, customisable Kanban Webapp that allows users to keep track of tasks. With a built-in theme toggle. Account registration is needed. | [Django](#), [Python](#), [JavaScript](#), [PostgreSQL](#), [HTML](#), [CSS](#)
[GitHub](#) - <https://github.com/leomp84/code-institute-project-4>
- **VaultGuard** - A mock password manager, that allows users to store a list of usernames and passwords that are encrypted with a master key. | [Python](#)
[GitHub](#) - <https://github.com/leomp84/code-institute-project-3>

- **Entertainment Web App Frontend** - A mock video streaming platform showcasing more advanced front-end design. From a challenge from frontendmentor.io. | [Django](#), [Python](#), [JavaScript](#), [PostgreSQL](#), [HTML](#), [CSS](#) [GitHub](#) - <https://github.com/leomp84/fm8-entertainment-web-app>
- **Dictionary App** - Dictionary web app with audio pronunciation, using the API from dictionaryapi. From a challenge from frontendmentor.io. [Django](#), [Python](#), [JavaScript](#), [PostgreSQL](#), [HTML](#), [CSS](#) [GitHub](#) - <https://github.com/leomp84/fm7-dictionary-app>

Work Experience

- April 2016 - Present** **Pastor & Counsellor** **Freie Christengemeinde Linz** **Linz, Austria**
- Team Leader, project manager, counsellor and preacher responsible for visionary leadership on new projects. Role involved regular public speaking and leading of meetings.
 - Maintained the church's online presence, local membership database and website.
- Sept. 2014 – March 2016** **Sabbatical** **Cape Town, South Africa**
- Extended family break in South Africa, after living in Asia and preparing for immigration to Europe.
- Sept. 2012 – August 2014** **Senior Pastor** **Dongshin Church** **Daegu, South Korea**
- Pastor and team leader responsible for visionary leadership and regular teaching, preaching and counselling in an expatriate church.
- August 2010 – August 2012** **English Teacher** **Manchon & Yesol Schools** **Daegu, South Korea**
- Teaching English classes to 20+ Korean students in a cross-cultural environment.
 - Designing Educational material and basic digital linguistic games.

Additional Information/Interests

- I have a passion for **Home Automation**, specifically the open source [Home Assistant](#) software and community. I have built my own ESP32 sensors that I use for customised home automation.
- From 2009 – 2013 I built various **SEO-focused content websites** (now sold or given away) around personal interests that used Google AdSense and affiliate marketing to generate revenue for myself.
- Participated in Code Institute September '24 **Hackathon** 'Classical Music Month'. Planning, design, sprints, project management, deployment. Our team project: <https://alvor1991.github.io/Hackathon-Team1/>
- I attend **Coding Community meetups** with [FaithTech](#) in Linz.
- Regular engagement on **Slack tech forums** and use of Google meetings.

Languages

English (Fluent), German (Professional Working Fluency), Dutch (Professional Working Fluency), Afrikaans (Fluent)

References

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