

# Blake Simpson

Senior FullStack Software Engineer

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## Information

**Main Skills:** JavaScript, TypeScript, HTML, HTML5, CSS, CSS3, React.js, React Native, Ruby, Ruby on Rails, Node.js, PHP, AWS (with CDK), REST APIs, GraphQL

**Languages:** English (Native), German

## Experience

### Self Employed – Freelance FullStack Software Engineer

July 2023 - Present

Europe, Remote

- Developing for Mobile & the Web with React (Native), TypeScript, Node, Ruby, Rails, and more.
- Skills: React.js, React Native, Amazon Web Services (AWS), DevOps, TypeScript, JavaScript, Ruby, Ruby on Rails, HTML, CSS, API design & development

### Procuros GmbH – Engineering Manager

December 2021 - July 2023

Edinburgh, UK + Hamburg, Germany

- Management of 7+ developers
- Hiring, coding challenges, interviews
- Technical strategy with product + business
- Development of new ERP connections
- Management & development of the Customer Portal
- Skills: Team Leadership, React.js (w/ zustand, immer), TypeScript, Electron.js, Node.js, AWS (CDK), PHP (Laravel), API Design

### Incentive Games – Tech Lead (FullStack)

March 2021 - November 2021

Edinburgh, UK

- Management of 3+ developers
- Hiring, coding tests
- Development of key features: Node.js Backends / React.js Frontends
- Skills: Node.js, React.js, TypeScript, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, JSON, AWS, API design & development, Postgres

## **Celebrate** – Chapter Lead: Development

November 2017 - March 2021  
Hamburg, Germany

- Founder of the “celebrate” app and “celebrate apps” business
- Developed the Frontend in React Native, backend in Ruby on Rails
- 4.9 stars on iOS app store
- Grew a team around the app to 10+ team members
- Managed multiple development teams + acted as CTO for the venture business
- Skills: React.js, React Native, Amazon Web Services (AWS), Ruby, Ruby on Rails, Node.js, HTML, CSS, REST APIs

## **XING SE** – Software Engineer (FullStack)

October 2014 - October 2017  
Hamburg, Germany

- Part of the XING public API development team
- Active REST API development of an API receiving over 50,000,000+ requests per day
- Design and maintenance of the dev platform (<https://dev.xing.com>)
- Worked in the mobile notifications team (push notifications, statistics, A/B tests etc.).
- Collaborated with Microsoft in Seattle to develop the "XING for Outlook" add-in for Microsoft Office.
- Skills: GraphQL, REST APIs, React.js, DevOps, TypeScript, JavaScript, Ruby, Ruby on Rails, CSS

## **XYRALITY** – Web Developer

January 2013 - September 2014  
Hamburg, Germany

- Development of the XYRALITY browser game platform, an HTML5 web gaming application written in JavaScript, HTML, and CSS.
- Skills: JavaScript, HTML, CSS, Non-REST APIs, Java (WebObjects)

## **Ubilabs** – Junior Web Developer

January 2013 - September 2014  
Hamburg, Germany

- Development of frontend designs using HTML and CSS
- Development of backend features using Ruby on Rails
- Integration with Google Maps and various Google APIs
- Frontend development in JavaScript & jQuery
- Skills: Google Maps APIs, Ruby on Rails, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Selenium

## **Kotikan** – Junior Web Developer

May 2008 - August 2010  
Edinburgh, UK

- Development of the original Kotikan location-based event lookup platform
- Development of backend features using Ruby on Rails
- Frontend development in HTML, CSS, JavaScript & jQuery
- Skills: Google Maps APIs, Ruby on Rails, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, iOS, Photoshop

## Education

**Abertay University, Dundee, UK**

BSc (Hons) Web Design and Development

Duration: 2008 - 2011

Level Achieved: 1:1 (First Class Honors)

## Additional Training

- "Advanced React" (React Summit) / 2021
- React + GraphQL Training / 2019
- Qigong Instructor / 2017 - 2019
- React.js Training / 2017