

Bethany Thomas

Full-Stack Developer | Front-End Engineer | Data Analyst

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Front-end developer and aspiring full-stack engineer with demonstrable project experience across React, TypeScript, JavaScript, HTML5, CSS3, Supabase and Vite. Brings first-hand professional experience inside a leading UK fintech at Starling Bank, providing real-world understanding of regulated digital systems, GDPR-compliant data handling and enterprise software workflows. Participated in a Swansea University hackathon during college, building a data-driven political policy matcher for Welsh Senedd elections. Currently building full-stack applications independently and upskilling in back-end development and database architecture. DataCamp Certified Associate Data Analyst. Active portfolio: www.gekkzzz.co.uk — source code: github.com/gekkzzz.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Front-End: HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript (ES6+), TypeScript, React, Responsive Web Design, Vite, Semantic HTML, Accessibility (A11y)

Back-End and Database: Supabase (authentication, data storage, real-time), Node.js (in progress), REST APIs

Data Analysis: Python, R, Statistical Analysis, Data Wrangling — DataCamp Certified Associate Data Analyst

Tools and Version Control: Git, GitHub, VS Code, Vercel, CI/CD pipelines

Domain Knowledge: Fintech, FCA-regulated systems, KYC, AML, GDPR, fraud detection workflows

Creative: Adobe Creative Cloud (Premiere Pro, After Effects, Photoshop), DaVinci Resolve

WORK EXPERIENCE

Starling Bank

August 2023 – Present

Onboarding Associate | Remote

- Work within the personal and business onboarding function at one of the UK's leading digital banks, gaining first-hand knowledge of fintech systems, regulated data workflows and digital banking infrastructure.
- Process KYC and Enhanced Due Diligence (EDD) cases using internal proprietary tools and third-party regulated databases including SIRA and CIFAS, building familiarity with enterprise software in a live production environment.
- Apply GDPR-compliant data handling across all customer records, reinforcing data privacy and security practice directly relevant to software engineering environments.
- Collaborate with operations teams to identify workflow inefficiencies, contributing to process improvement discussions and internal documentation.
- Operate effectively in a fully remote, fast-paced digital environment demonstrating strong self-management and written communication.

McDonald's

January 2023 – August 2023

Crew Member | Cardiff

- Operated high-throughput EPOS and digital ordering systems with precision in a fast-paced, high-volume environment.
- Trained new staff on systems and procedures, demonstrating the ability to communicate technical processes clearly.

Iceland Foods

June 2022 – September 2022

Customer Assistant | Ammanford

- Operated till systems and processed transactions with accuracy, consistently meeting throughput and performance targets.

PROJECTS AND HACKATHONS

Swansea University Hackathon — Welsh Senedd Political Matcher

2020 – 2022

Team Participant | Swansea University, Wales

- Collaborated in a university-run hackathon to design and build a political data website focused on Welsh Senedd elections, working under time pressure as part of a team.

- Built a policy preference tool where users input the political issues and policies that mattered most to them, and the application processed their responses to surface the most aligned Welsh political party for the Senedd — combining data handling, user input logic and front-end presentation.
- Gained practical experience applying web development and data presentation skills to a real civic technology brief, with the goal of improving voter engagement and political transparency in Wales.
- Developed collaborative working, rapid prototyping and problem-solving skills within a structured hackathon environment set by a university client.

Handshake — Social Skill-Exchange Platform

In Development

Solo Project | Full-Stack

- Designing and building a full-stack social platform where users advertise skills they can teach and request skills they want to learn in return — for example, teaching piano in exchange for plumbing lessons.
- Built with React and TypeScript on the front end, with Supabase handling back-end data storage including user authentication, sign-ups and profile data.
- Responsible for full product concept, UI/UX design, front-end development and database architecture.

Apple-Inspired Responsive Website

2025

Solo Project | TypeScript, CSS3, Vite, Vercel

- Built a fully responsive, high-performance website inspired by Apple's minimalist design language — clean typography, generous whitespace and smooth interactions. Live: www.gekkzzz.co.uk
- Built with TypeScript and vanilla CSS3, using Vite as the build tool and deployed via a Vercel CI/CD pipeline for automated deployments.
- Applied semantic HTML and accessibility best practices throughout, improving screen reader compatibility and SEO. Achieved strong Core Web Vitals scores through optimised asset loading and clean DOM structure.
- Source code: github.com/gekkzzz/example-website-one

EDUCATION

Cardiff University

September 2022 – July 2025

BSc Econ International Relations and Politics — 2:1 | Cardiff

- Modules in quantitative methods, statistical analysis and data interpretation directly applicable to software development and data engineering roles.
- Co-founded Stronger Together — Cardiff University Student Led Service of the Year. Secretary and Treasurer.
- Elected Student Senator and Accessibility Officer for Cardiff Students Union, developing project management and stakeholder communication skills.

Coleg Sir Gar

2019 – 2022

A Levels and Further Qualifications | Llanelli

- Law A Level — A (Student of the Year, Highest Grade in Cohort) | Sociology A Level — A | Welsh Baccalaureate A Level — A | Government and Politics A Level — B
- English Language GCSE Resit — B | Music Technology Level 2 — Merit
- Elected Wellbeing Officer across all Coleg Sir Gar campuses.

Ysgol Dyffryn Aman

2013 – 2018

GCSEs | Ammanford

- Engineering — Distinction | Construction — Pass | Customer Service — Pass
- DiDA (Diploma in Digital Applications) — C | Biology — B | Chemistry — C | Physics — C
- Mathematics — C | Numeracy — C | English Literature — C | English Language — C | Welsh Language — C | Welsh Baccalaureate GCSE — C
- DiDA covered web development, game development, animation, accessibility within IT, and business applications of technology — providing an early foundation in digital disciplines.

CERTIFICATIONS AND AWARDS

- DataCamp Associate Data Analyst Certification
- Cardiff University: Student Led Service of the Year — Stronger Together
- Cardiff University: Contribution to Student Voice Award
- Coleg Sir Gar: Student of the Year in Law — Highest Grade in Cohort