Glen Kitchen - Software Developer - CV

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About

I am a software developer with extensive experience in enterprise business software.
I am also the co-founder of a software development agency.

I bring a unique combination of specialized business process expertise and deep technical skills. I have played a leading role in developing solutions for accounting, manufacturing, distribution, and retail.

I am always seeking ways to empower developers to ship faster:

- In the past, this involved creating in-house, low-code solutions.
- Today, I focus on leveraging AI-assisted coding tools and techniques to drive exponential improvements in productivity.

Current Tech Stack

Typescript   React   Next.js   React Native   Expo   AI SDK   Vercel   Azure

C#   .NET

Detailed Work Experience

Kikstart   Feb 2025 - Present
Co-founder

Summary
- Currently heads down building a new AI-centric business software platform.

Summary

- Over several years, I have led a development team that has developed a suite of web and mobile applications (distribution and retail), that are now core, to a division of one South Africa's largest retailers.
- Key decision-maker for technical roadmap and infrastructure.
- I am also the co-founder of a custom software division: Kodelab.
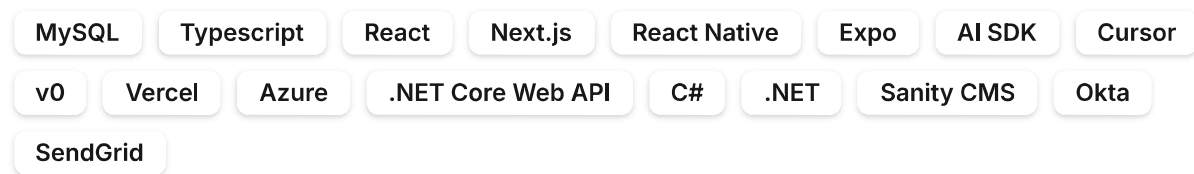
Leadership

- Development team lead.
- Co-founded a custom software division (I own 22% of Kodelab).

Customer

- Identified opportunities that led to sales.
- Helped maintain and strengthen the long-term customer relationship.

Tech Stack

MySQL | Typescript | React | Next.js | React Native | Expo | AI SDK | Cursor | v0 | Vercel | Azure | .NET Core Web API | C# | .NET | Sanity CMS | Okta | SendGrid

Derivco
Senior Developer

May 2015 - Oct 2019
4 years, 5 months

Summary

- Full-stack senior developer.
- Senior developer on in-house, low-code, analytics-based framework.
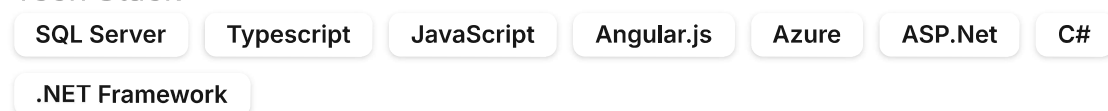
Applications

- Online gambling utility programs (Loyalty, auditing, promotions etc.)
- High-volume banking system (tens of thousands of daily transactions)

Leadership

- Ad-hoc Project lead.

Tech Stack

SQL Server | Typescript | JavaScript | Angular.js | Azure | ASP.Net | C# | .NET Framework

AdaptIT
Development Team Lead

Oct 2006 - Apr 2015
8 years, 6 months

Summary
- Full-stack developer
- Development team lead.

Applications
- Accounting
- Sales & Distribution
- Warehousing
- SHEQ (Safety, Health, Environment, Quality) product suite

Leadership
- SHEQ product team lead.

Customer
- Extensive travel across South Africa and Africa for customer support and product rollout.
- Engaged senior business executives on sales and technical initiatives.

Tech Stack

`Oracle Certified (Expired)` `Oracle Database` `PL/SQL` `Oracle Forms` `Java`
`Microsoft Certified (Expired)` `SQL Server` `ASP.Net` `WPF` `Windows Forms` `C#`
`.NET Framework` `MorphoKit Biometrics`

Van Dyck Carpets
Accountant/Developer

Apr 1999 - Sep 2006
7 years, 5 months

This was a hybrid role with accounting and IT duties.

On the accounting side I was initially the cost accountant and thereafter the management accountant responsible for overseeing the accounts department.

I was also involved in various IT projects which were my introduction to the world of software development: Manage roll out of Syspro ERP, oversee development of in-house shop floor applications, develop in-house sales reporting applications.

Windmill Restaurant
Restaurant Manager

Jun 1992 - Mar 1999
6 years, 9 months

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