

Kiara McRae

UX & Front-End Developer

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Professional summary

Creative and analytical UX & Front-End Developer with expertise in HTML, CSS, Tailwind, JavaScript, and React. Strong foundation in accessibility, responsive design, and cloud-native development. Experienced in building and deploying scalable applications that merge design, automation, and user experience. Proven leader with a background in managing multimillion-dollar operations, driving process improvements, and collaborating cross-functionally. Currently developing Aurora — a full-stack cloud-native UX platform showcasing accessibility, automation, and compliance.

Selected Experience

Aurora (Cloud-Native UX Platform) | Front-End Developer

2024 - Present

- Built and deployed a cloud-native portfolio using React, Python microservices, Docker, and Kubernetes.
- Developed accessible, responsive UI with TailwindCSS and integrated analytics dashboards.
- Created enterprise-grade HTML email suite tested via Litmus and Email on Acid for compliance.
- Automated deployment pipelines using GitHub Actions and Terraform. Analyzed user feedback to enhance UI features, resulting in noticeable improvements in user engagement and satisfaction.
- Streamlined the deployment process by implementing CI/CD pipelines, significantly reducing release times and increasing deployment efficiency.
- Designed and implemented a modular component library, promoting code reusability and accelerating development across multiple projects.
- Passionate about creating intuitive user experiences that drive user retention and engagement.
- Enhanced front-end performance by optimizing code, leading to measurable improvements in load times and user satisfaction.

Starbucks Coffee Company | Store Manager / Project Lead

2018 - 2025

- Directed operations for a \$3M+ store; led 30+ partners in Southeast's top-performing region.
- Delivered remodels and tech rollouts under budget and ahead of schedule.
- Achieved 20% reduction in service times and improved retention by 15%.
- Twice recognized as Manager of the Quarter.

Fine Dining & Banquets | Assistant Manager / Project Coordinator

2016 - 2018

- Coordinated high-profile events (200+ guests) and vendor logistics.
- Enhanced workflow efficiency by 15% through schedule optimization.

Education

B.S. Human Systems Engineering (User Experience) | Arizona State University | Tempe, AZ

2026

Barrett, The Honors College – GPA: 3.87

B.S. Computer Science | Georgia State University

2026

A.S. Business Administration | Georgia State University

2024

Courses

Six Sigma Green Belt | Kennesaw State University

2025

Google Project Management Certificate | Coursera/Google

2024

Food & Beverage Manager | ServSafe

2023

30 Certification | OSHA

2025

Skills

HTML5

Tailwind

React

Salesforce Marketing Cloud

Mailchimp APIs

Email on Acid

WCAG 2.1

CAN-SPAM

Figma

AutoCAD

VS Code

AWS

Docker

CSS3

JavaScript

Python

HubSpot

Litmus

BrowserStack

ARIA

ADA

Photoshop

Fusion 360 CAD

GitHub

Kubernetes

GitHub Actions

Terraform

Asana

Smartsheet

Azure

Jira

MS Project

Arduino

Google Cloud

Links

[LinkedIn](#)

[GitHub](#)

[Aurora Portfolio](#)

Additional information

Featured Projects | Aurora – Cloud-Native UX Platform

Containerized full-stack app with responsive UI, analytics, and CI/CD pipelines.

Featured Projects | UX Accessibility Demo

WCAG-compliant responsive prototype with semantic HTML structure.

Featured Projects | Email Template QA Suite

Responsive, compliant email templates tested via Litmus and Email on Acid.

Internships

Delta Air Lines | Software Engineer Intern | Atlanta, GA

May 2025 - Aug 2025

- Collaborated with the IT and UX teams to design and prototype user-friendly interfaces for internal mobile tools.
- Contributed to front-end development tasks using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript within a React-based environment.
- Participated in daily Agile stand-ups, sprint planning, and code reviews to ensure efficient project delivery.
- Tested and debugged application features across browsers and devices to enhance performance and accessibility.
- Supported data visualization initiatives that helped teams monitor real-time operational metrics.