

Wanga Malinda

IT Diploma Graduate (2026) · Full-Stack Developer

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Client-first, self-motivated IT Diploma graduate (Richfield, expected Dec 2026, Top Academic Achieving Student) who takes ownership of problems end to end, from understanding a client's real need through to shipping a working system. Experience spans full-stack delivery, cross-functional team leadership, and coordinating stakeholders under deadline pressure. Curious by habit, consistently questioning existing approaches and looking for better ways to solve problems, evidenced by leading a 16 member cross-functional team and independently delivering production systems for live small-business clients. Seeking a graduate programme where ownership, energy, and client impact are valued from day one.

ACADEMIC & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Final Year IT Project, Team Lead

2026

- Delivered the final year IT project on time and to a distinction-level result, as measured by successful on-time delivery of the group deliverable and lecturer evaluation, by taking ownership of planning, task allocation, and cross-functional integration across a 16 member team.
- Built stronger working relationships across a large, cross-functional team, as measured by consistent on-time task completion from all members, by proactively coordinating check-ins and resolving integration blockers before they affected delivery.

IT Diploma Student & Peer Learning Lead

Feb 2024 - Dec 2026 (Expected)

- Delivered a full-stack dissertation web application at distinction level, as measured by lecturer evaluation, by taking end-to-end ownership of the front-end (JavaScript/React/Vite/HTML5) and its PostgreSQL-backed data layer.
- Took ownership of group project delivery for a 5-person team, driving it to a distinction-level result, as measured by final submission grade, by proactively coordinating task allocation using agile-style sprint planning and retrospectives.
- Earned Top Academic Achieving Student honours, as measured by ranking top of 180+ students in the cohort, by consistently questioning my own approach and delivering well-documented, improved solutions under deadline pressure.

INDEPENDENT CLIENT PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Independent Developer

2024 - Present

- Put the client's real-world needs first for a wellness-counselling business, as measured by a completed, fully functional client-facing booking and intake system now live in production, by taking ownership of client-side routing and a relational Supabase/SQL schema for Qhawelethu Wellness Counselling.
- Took full ownership of a live business's day-to-day operations tooling, as measured by successful handling of real transaction and inventory workflows for a small automotive parts business, by independently building SpareXpress Auto POS end to end, from client requirements through to deployment.
- Improved consistency and client-facing quality across a live project, as measured by consolidating all shared UI into three reusable components (Navbar, Layout, Footer), by questioning the existing design approach and rebuilding it around a single shared configuration.
- Built and maintained a professional, mobile-first personal brand, as measured by a live deployed portfolio at malindawanga.me, by independently designing, building, and iterating the UI including a rebuilt mobile navigation menu.

TECHNICAL & PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Delivery & Collaboration: Ownership-driven delivery · Cross-functional team leadership · Agile/Scrum · Stakeholder coordination · Client-facing communication

Technical: JavaScript · Python · C++ · HTML5 · CSS · React.js · Vite · Node.js · Supabase/PostgreSQL · SQL schema design · Git & GitHub · Cloud fundamentals (AWS)

Currently building: C# · .NET, via independent practice projects

CERTIFICATIONS

- Hollywoodbets "The Big Pitch" Certificate, awarded 2026
- AWS Cloud Practitioner Essentials, AWS Training & Certification, 2026
- AWS Elastic VMware Services, AWS Training & Certification, 2026
- AWS Tools to Develop, Run and Modernize .NET Workloads, AWS Training & Certification, 2026
- AWS Introduction to Containers, AWS Training & Certification, 2026
- HTML Essentials, Cisco Networking Academy, 2026
- Python Essentials 2, Cisco Networking Academy, 2026
- Ethical Hacking Fundamentals, Cisco Networking Academy, 2025
- C++ Essentials 1, Cisco Networking Academy, 2025
- Python Essentials 1, Cisco Networking Academy, 2024
- JavaScript Essentials 1, Cisco Networking Academy, 2024
- Microsoft Excel, Best Learner Award, Richfield Graduate Institute, 2024

EDUCATION

- Diploma in Information Technology, Richfield Graduate Institute of Technology, Pretoria (Feb 2024 - Dec 2026 Expected)
- Matric Certificate, Marude Secondary School (Completed Dec 2023)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages: English (Intermediate) · Tshivenda (Proficient) · Pedi (Intermediate) · Zulu (Elementary)
Driver's Licence Code 10 (valid) · Available immediately