



# **Xtreme Talent Accelerator Program (XTAP)**

## **Front-End Developer with React**

## OVERVIEW



10-12 Weeks



20+ Hours/Week



Front-End Developer  
Certificate

React is an open-source, front-end JavaScript library that simplifies creating user interfaces or UI components in single-page and mobile applications. It has also become synonymous with the future of web development, which is why a specialization in using React will enable you to stand out. Through this part-time virtual and hands-on workshop, you'll gain valuable in-demand React skills to add to your toolbox.

## WHO IS THIS FOR?

You are a developer looking to acquire additional skills needed to further advance your career in your current organization.

This workshop may be right for you if:

- You're a back-end developer seeking to learn front-end skills to become a full-stack developer, or
- You're seeking to upgrade your front-end skills with a specialization in React.

## ELIGIBILITY

We invite you to apply if:

- You're a resident of Ontario, and
- You're 18 years or older, and
- You're a Canadian Citizen, Permanent Resident or Protected Person
- If you work in a full-time position, your employer is in Ontario and is willing to endorse your participation, including approving the time you will need to participate in the program. (For further details, see our [Information for Employers fact sheet](#)). If you are unemployed or working on a part-time basis, this eligibility requirement is not applicable to you.

This program requires a commitment of 20+ hours per week. That time consists of up to four hours per week during business hours to attend two live lectures (one to two hours in duration, depending on the topic). Additional daytime support from instructors will be available to participants as needed. The remaining hours include group projects, reading assignments and other self-paced work that you can complete during evenings and weekends.

## WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

Designed and delivered by Lighthouse Labs, the program includes Web Development Fundamentals and Front-End Development with React, as well as an opportunity to take an additional two-week session to learn Full-Stack C#.

Along with the technical subjects, you will have access to personal career services and workshops in communication, networking and personal branding, offered by XTAP, to help you improve your soft skills and feel more equipped to advance within your current organization.

## Web Development Fundamentals

Your learning in this workshop will prepare you to:

- Write well-structured, easily maintained, accessible CSS and HTML code to present web pages in various ways.
- Manipulate the layout of HTML elements using margins, padding and floats.
- Create, modify and read HTML data attributes using JavaScript and jQuery.
- Apply techniques of responsive web design, including media queries.
- Apply the basic features of SASS.
- Create Git repositories, add and commit code, and push to GitHub.
- Explain and use first principles for writing maintainable and testable code.
- Debug code by reading error messages.
- Use FOCAL (any combination of functions, objects, callbacks, arrays and loops) within JavaScript and Node to form a valid solution to a challenge.
- Implement stylistic and organizational improvements to simple JavaScript/Node scripts.

## Web Development Fundamentals (cont'd)

- Explain dependency management and use a package manager to import third-party JavaScript (JS) libraries such as Mocha and Chai.
- Write basic client-side JS to add dynamic content to pages.
- Use jQuery to bind event handlers and generate DOM elements.
- Use jQuery to manipulate CSS.
- Use AJAX to send and fetch information from a server and display it on a web page.
- Use JavaScript to validate form data.
- Analyze and compare complexity and performance of algorithms using Big-O notation.

## Front-End Development with React

This workshop will prepare you to:

- Identify and use strategies for simultaneously learning a new programming language, ecosystem, framework, and codebase, while remaining productive.
- Explain the advantages of component-based UI development.
- Recognize React warnings and errors and use them to identify or prevent bugs.
- Create well-composed components from HTML and behaviour specifications.
- Use the React library and associated tooling (Webpack, Babel and Create React App) to build typical single-page web application features, including where there is an existing back-end API for data.
- Use new React functional components and classical class-based components with applicable lifecycle methods.
- Use modern AJAX libraries to Axios with React, to make asynchronous requests in appropriate/idiomatic ways.
- Use the Angular developer tools and Storybook for component development and inspection.
- Use common functional programming methods (map, reduce, filter, etc.) and other ES6 practices for data manipulation and JSX component rendering.
- Write unit tests for components using Jest.
- Write E2E tests for Angular applications using Cypress.
- Explain the differences between various automated testing strategies, as well as their benefits and drawbacks.

## Full-Stack C#

Completing this optional session will enable you to:

- Navigate an existing codebase (C#) and use an existing code style and approach to implement new features for a web application.
- Apply previous learning tactics to research and become familiar with a new paradigm, language and framework.
- Implement listed feature and bug-fix requests.
- Identify and use strategies for simultaneously learning a new programming language, ecosystem, framework and codebase, while remaining productive.
- Use the fundamental elements of C# syntax (types, strings, numbers and If statements).
- Use OOP elements including classes and objects, method, properties and fields, for loops, arrays, exceptions, polymorphism, abstraction, interfaces, System.Object and Static classes.
- Use various collection types provided by the .NET framework to organize data.
- Use the ASP.NET MVC web framework, C# programming language and .NET framework to update and manage existing code for a web application.

## EMPLOYMENT PREPARATION, ON-THE-JOB SKILLS, AND ETHICS AND EMPLOYEE ADVOCACY

These additional career services provided by XTAP cover:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tech, EQ and You: Exploring and Understanding Emotional Intelligence in Tech | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Designing Your Professional Digital Presence |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personality Assessments  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Time Management                              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Virtual Interviewing Skills for Incumbents                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employee Rights in the Workplace             |

## CAREER OUTLOOK

By the end of this program, you will have the upgraded skills that give you an opportunity to advance within your current organization. That can include:

- Access to new or more challenging — and rewarding — projects
- Increased responsibility for existing assignments
- Bringing new technical skills to your team
- Better compensation or a promotion

## DATES AND APPLICATION DEADLINES

November 8, 2021 — January 28, 2022  
**Application deadline: October 3, 2021**







# Ready to advance your career?

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