

# JOHN LEWIS SIMS

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## EXPERIENCE

### 2016-2017 Full-Stack Developer - *Primitive Social*

In 2016 I felt that it was time for me to make a change. After doing some work in logistics and management at previous positions, I had discovered that I had a talent for understanding data. Over the course of a couple of months I took several online courses to refresh myself on HTML, CSS and JavaScript.

My wife was employed as a graphic designer at a marketing company that was looking for front-end developers. I asked her to send me the mockup for one of the websites her company was building. I built the frontend of the website, emailed it to her boss and got hired the next day.

This position required me to learn quickly. I started out building basic Wordpress templates in Sage Roots. From there, I slowly transitioned into building full stack applications in PHP, including an information portal for the HR Department of a bank.

### 2018-2019 Full-Stack Developer - *Direction*

Direction was a different kind of challenge. My expectations for what a developer did had to change to fit the companies needs. Overall I learned alot about SEO and PPC and building Wordpress Plugins.

### 2019-2020 Freelancer

Freelancing has been by far the most challenging and rewarding job I've had so far. I've worked with Remittance Companies, Government Contractors, Colleges & Professional Athletes.

I've learned how to develop APIs in Laravel, Frontend SPAs in Vue, Native (iOS and Android) Apps in Vue-NativeScript. One of the programs I built was a school management program that is currently used by 54 faculty members to keep tabs on thousands of students.

## EDUCATION

High School

I was homeschooled the entire way, K-12. Homeschooling gave me a unique perspective on education and learning. My education granted me the opportunity to focus my education on my interests.

When I was 14 I wrote my first 'Hello World' application in Python. From that moment on, I have slowly fallen more in love with programming and problem solving.

### **College - South Plains College**

I was enrolled in South Plains College for 2 years. While there, I studied Chemical Engineering. While I was grateful for my time there, I eventually decided to drop out and just enter the workforce directly. I wasn't passionate about Chemical Engineering and I couldn't fake it.

While I was in college, I had the opportunity to attend a summer school hosted by **Stephen Wolfram**. The school introduced me to some incredible people and rekindled a passion that I had for programming.

### **REFERENCES**

#### **Saba Nafees**

**PhD Candidate - Mathematical Biology, Graduate Teaching Assistant at Texas Tech University**

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I worked with Saba recently in conjunction with CZ Biohub to develop a web scraper for compiling data for modeling the Covid-19 outbreak in the bay area.

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**Project Lead - Primitive Social**

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Former manager at my first job in the industry. Mentor and friend.