

# Sean Tarr

Front-end Web Developer

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## Summary

A keen front-end Web Coder, with an eye for detail and a mind for problem solving, on a quest for web-standards, web-automation and easy web-surfing.

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## Experience

### **Front-end Web Developer at Freelance**

April 2016 - Present (10 months)

Freelance Front-end Web Developer, specialising in HTML, CSS and Javascript (jQuery).

Wordpress Theme customisation, with CSS, custom functions and plugins.

Currently exploring React.JS and furthering knowledge using Node.JS.

### **Writer / Author / Poet at Independent**

2005 - Present (12 years)

Writing poetry, short stories and novels based on everyday observations, mystical musings and reflections on the wonder of life. The themes include love, adventure, science fiction, fantasy, mystery, noir, dystopian and utopian, fairy tales and fables.

<http://chronicles.co.za/>

### **Electronic Music Composer at Soultrek**

July 2013 - Present (3 years 7 months)

Soultrek is a music project exploring the far reaches of the electronic music realm and the result is most often music that can be described as ambient, electronica, down-tempo or trip-hop.

<http://soultrek.co.za/>

### **Head of Website Development, Front-End Operations and Lead Front-End Developer at Shapeshift**

March 2003 - March 2016 (13 years 1 month)

Head of Website Development, overseeing the web development department and ensuring that a high standard of quality and professional workmanship is maintained throughout the development process.

Front-End Operations, staying informed and up to date with the latest emerging web technologies, maintaining efficient web development workflow, and implementing best-practices and international coding standards.

Lead Front-End Developer, coding of website interfaces by utilising HTML, CSS, Javascript.

<http://shapeshift.co.za/>

### **Electronic Music - Composer, Producer, Maker, Visionary at The X-Structure**

2008 - December 2012 (4 years)

The X-Structure was an attempt at creating a virtual band. The band's main appearance was in musical and literary form, with histories and the accounts of their adventures and whereabouts written to accompany the release of each new album.

The project was started in 2008, with 17 albums published, and ended in 2012 with the announcement of an indefinite sabbatical.

<http://thexstructure.bandcamp.com/>

### **Programmer at BA Brokers**

2002 - 2003 (1 year)

Developed and maintained financial and CRM systems.

Developed newsletter mailing software that integrated with the CRM system.

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## Volunteer Experience

### **Youth Leader at Bellville Methodist Church**

2009 - 2014

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## Certifications

### **Introduction to Philosophy**

Coursera March 2013

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## Languages

**English**

**Afrikaans**

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## Skills & Expertise

**CSS**

**HTML**

**jQuery**

**Front-end**

**JavaScript**

**JSON**

**Web Development**

**HTML 5**

**Web Standards**

**Delphi**

**Web Project Management**

**HTML5**

**Creative Writing**

**Music Production**

**Poetry**

**Proofreading**

**Fiction Writing**

**Propellerheads Reason**

**Git**

**GruntJS**

**Node.js**

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## Projects

### **oldmutual.com 2016**

October 2015 to March 2016

Members:Sean Tarr, Jana Wepener

### **Webshift 2.0**

April 2012 to Present

Members:Sean Tarr, Stephan Willemse, Ricky van der Walt, Jean-Pierre Mouton, Jon-Russell Davids, Marc Viljoen, Elizma Steyn

Webshift 2.0 is a website builder featuring an easy-to-use CMS, developed in-house by Shapeshift

Interactive. My involvement in the project was as content strategist, including visual & copy content and online persona creation.

### **oldmutual.com 2013 - 2015**

January 2012 to March 2016

Members:Sean Tarr, Jean-Pierre Mouton, Jana Wepener, Linki Brand

### **Datashift**

November 2004 to Present

Members:Sean Tarr, Ricky van der Walt, Marc Viljoen, Jean-Pierre Mouton, Dawie van der Westhuizen

Infrastructure design and development

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## Education

### **Durbanville College**

Computer Programming, Software Development, 2000 - 2002

Grade: Diploma

Activities and Societies: Delphi, Visual Basic, Java, System Analysis

### **Wingfield College**

Communication Electronics, and Business English and Afrikaans, Electronics, 1998 - 2000

Grade: N3 Certificate and N4 Certificate

Activities and Societies: Communication and Industrial Electronics, Logic Systems, Mathematics

### **Bellville High School**

High School, Academic, 1996 - 1998

Grade: 10

Activities and Societies: Mathematics, Biology, History, Language, Typing

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## Publications

### **Love, Adventure and Other Noble Quests (Thoughts Discovered: Volume One)**

Self-published October 2013

Authors: Sean Tarr

Thoughts Discovered is a varied collection of the poetic writings of S.Tarr, released in five volumes, on such relevant subjects as love and adventure, wisdom and worldview, and contemplating the wonder of life and the grandeur of things that transcend the now and the present. Love, Adventure and Other Noble Quests is the first volume in the series.

### **Wisdom for This Age (Thoughts Discovered: Volume Two)**

Self-published April 2014

Authors: Sean Tarr

Thoughts Discovered is a varied collection of the poetic writings of S.Tarr, released in five volumes, on such relevant subjects as love and adventure, wisdom and worldview, and contemplating the wonder of life and the grandeur of things that transcend the now and the present. Wisdom for This Age is the second volume in the series

### **A View of the World (Thoughts Discovered: Volume Three)**

Self-published July 2014

Authors: Sean Tarr

Thoughts Discovered is a varied collection of the poetic writings of S.Tarr, released in five volumes, on such relevant subjects as love and adventure, wisdom and worldview, and contemplating the wonder of life and the grandeur of things that transcend the now and the present. A View of the World is the third volume in the series.

### **The Wonder of It All (Thoughts Discovered: Volume Four)**

Self-published October 2014

Authors: Sean Tarr

Thoughts Discovered is a varied collection of the poetic writings of S.Tarr, released in five volumes, on such relevant subjects as love and adventure, wisdom and worldview, and contemplating the wonder of life and the grandeur of things that transcend the now and the present. The Wonder of It All is the fourth volume in the series.

**Greater Things (Thoughts Discovered: Volume Five)**

Self-published March 2015

Authors: Sean Tarr

Thoughts Discovered is a varied collection of the poetic writings of S.Tarr, released in five volumes, on such relevant subjects as love and adventure, wisdom and worldview, and contemplating the wonder of life and the grandeur of things that transcend the now and the present. Greater Things is the fifth volume in the series.

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**Interests**

Adventure, exploration, solo hiking, Capoeira, music, writing, reading, nature, God, life.

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## 5 person has recommended Sean

"I've worked with Sean for over a decade. He's is a rock solid, highly talented, and experienced front-end developer with meticulous adherence to best-practice principles. He has a rare ability to plug himself into even the most obscure, messy or archaic of frameworks. In the workplace, his open and friendly disposition brings a great energy to the team."

— **Jean-Pierre Mouton**, *User Experience Specialist / Key Account Manager, Shapeshift*, worked directly with Sean at Shapeshift

"Sean has an eye for detail that most people don't have and you know when he delivers code to you, it's solid and structured. He is a leader, team player and can work independently if required too. You can trust Sean with your projects. His ability to stick to deadlines and budget makes him an absolute dream to work with! "

— **Kim Greyling**, *Project Manager, Shapeshift*, worked directly with Sean at Shapeshift

"Having worked with Sean on a large scale Front End project, I've come to appreciate his attention to detail and high standards. His optimism, inventiveness and technical skills are second to none, along with keeping a cool head when the pressure is on."

— **Malan Joubert**, *Web Developer, Foxinni*, worked directly with Sean at Shapeshift

"Sean is a HTML king. I have rarely worked with people that have the passion for getting things "bomb proof" and Sean is one of these people. He always goes the extra mile to get the job done, even getting websites to look as good in IE6 as all the other browsers."

— **Dawie van der Westhuizen**, worked directly with Sean at Shapeshift

"Sean is an extremist when it comes to web standards. With an eye for perfection he has earned the title of Lead Front-end Programmer."

— **Ricky van der Walt**, worked directly with Sean at Shapeshift

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