

Offline → Online

Website takeover and disaster recovery for a small business.
Taken down by its previous developer. Back online the same day.



CLIENT

Pilates studio (name withheld)

SCOPE

Takeover, recovery, ongoing development

STACK

DigitalOcean, Supabase, GitHub

STATUS

Recovered in one day; active development since

Rescuing a website its own developer took down

THE SITUATION

A pilates studio had its website built by an outside developer. The relationship went bad, and the developer pulled the site offline, leaving the business without a web presence. What the owner was left with: the source code on GitHub, a DigitalOcean subscription and a Supabase project. No documentation, no handover, no working site.

THE RESCUE

I took over the repository and the infrastructure and brought the site back online the same day the engagement started. Access and credentials were then secured, so no third party could take the site down again.



FIXING THE FOUNDATIONS

Recovery is not the same as health. The database schema was rebuilt properly in Supabase, and the inherited codebase, written carelessly, is being improved release by release while the site keeps running: incremental change, never a risky rewrite.

OUTCOME

The studio went from offline and locked out to owning its own site, infrastructure and data, with a codebase that gets healthier every month. The business has not lost a day of web presence since.

**If a developer left you with an offline site, no handover and no answers:
it is recoverable, usually faster than you think.**