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Current role

Web Development at Freelance/Contract

Technologies

TypeScript, Svelte, React, CSS, MySQL, Git, REST API, Photoshop/Illustrator/Figma, UNIX Node.js, Backbone, Jasmine/Karma, PHP

Experience

Fintech, SaaS, Payments, eCommerce, Adtech, Computer Graphics, Design

Profile

I'm a very passionate web engineer with 10+ years of experience. I have an eye for detail, both visually and functionally, balanced with a big picture mindset.

I love the web and want to make it fast, accessible and beautiful.

Work experience

Web Development, Freelance/Contract

May 2016 - Present (7y 5m)

Payments · SaaS · eCommerce · Web Design

Svelte

React

Docker

CSS

TypeScript

MySQL

Git

REST API

- Redesigned and transformed a complex ad-tech PHP application into a modern single page application, optimizing the UI for mobile devices and implementing critical business upgrades. Provided guidance and training to the onsite tech team on version control and Git usage.
- Developed a custom shipping platform using Stripe and EasyPost APIs for a client, streamlining their shipping operations. Implemented an algorithm that calculates optimal shipping materials based on various product sizes and shapes.

Senior Front End Engineer, LearnVest

Apr 2012 - Feb 2015 (2y 10m)

Accessible and affordable financial planning.
Fintech · Personal Finance

CSS

JavaScript

Illustrator

Node.js

Backbone

Karma

Git

REST API

- Played a key role in developing critical features for LearnVest's main web app products. Met critical deadlines and ensured effective communication with cross-functional teams.
- Responsible for all web-based functionality in LearnVest's highly regarded iPhone and iPad apps, which was leveraged extensively.
- Contributed to the growth of the front-end team by actively participating in the interview process and providing guidance and support to newly hired members.

Front End Engineer / Designer, CPAWay

Jun 2009 - Mar 2012 (2y 9m)

AdTech platform for performance marketing
Advertising

PHP

CSS

JavaScript

jQuery

Photoshop

MySQL

- Thrived under tight deadlines enhancing user experience and aesthetics of information-dense web app interfaces, ensuring a seamless experience with various browsers and screen sizes.
- Successfully led two complete brand redesign projects, encompassing web and print design deliverables such as websites, print ads, banner ads, and conference displays.

More about me

My biggest achievement is...

moving to NYC at 17 to join a fast growing startup, quickly earning the trust and respect of more experienced colleagues I held in high esteem.

I like to work with people who...

are passionate, communicative and positive. An attitude of sharing knowledge is crucial because we all have something to learn from each other.

Right now I'm learning...

more math and algorithms useful in computer graphics, necessitated by my most recent project , Viddeo.

Interests

Technology, filmmaking, photography, music (currently drums), cooking, gardening

My favorite technology is...

Svelte because it feels closest to vanilla javascript with reactive functionality. The developer experience is great and reduces friction when starting a new creative project.

At work I'm best at...

Collaborating with visual and UX designers to deliver the best user experience possible. I love finding ways to facilitate the ideal vision of a feature.

My favorite product is...

macOS. I greatly value performance and design with technology. I purchased a titanium PowerBook G4 in 2003, which was a magic moment that coincided with my burgeoning interest in making software.