

Anna Willis

UI / Frontend Developer | Career-Changer with Background in Behavioral Science and Instructional Design

Summary

Junior Frontend Developer with a solid foundation in HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript (ES6+), React, Tailwind CSS, UX principles, and state management. Experienced in building responsive, interactive UI components and modern web applications, translating designs into clean, accessible code. Former behavioral health counselor and assistant project coordinator with 15+ years of experience in leadership, coaching, and cross-functional collaboration. Currently seeking a frontend/UI development role.

Featured Projects

my timeUse - Full-featured Time Management App

React * TypeScript * Tailwind CSS * Supabase * Recharts

- Developed a complete time-tracking application with user authentication, guided data entry, dark/light theme toggle, and data visualization.
- Designed intuitive UI for logging tasks with category, time, energy level, and personal notes.
- Visualized time usage summaries by category using Recharts.
- Built custom global state management with `useReducer`, Context API, and custom hooks (`useAuth`, `useRecords`, `useTheme`).
- Integrated Supabase for auth, database, and secure real-time updates via RLS policies.
- Deployed with Vite and Netlify; responsive layout tested on multiple devices.
- Live Demo: <https://ania-w-my-time-use.netlify.app>
- GitHub: <https://github.com/AniaWillis/my-time-use>

Freelance Website for Startup Web Agency

Framer * Google Analytics * Mailchimp * Typeform

- Developed a responsive marketing website with a blog for a startup client.
- Designed and built reusable components and layouts using Framer.
- Integrated Google Analytics, Mailchimp, and Typeform.
- Collaborated with the client from discovery to delivery.

The Global Pantry - Recipe Finder


JavaScript * HTML * CSS * REST API

- Designed and built a responsive app that allows users to search recipes by main ingredient or browse by category.
- Implemented responsive and accessible UI with dynamic rendering and interactive elements.
- Live Demo: <https://ania-w-global-pantry.netlify.app>
- Github: <https://github.com/AniaWillis/global-pantry>

Contact

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Skills & Technologies

Languages & Markup:

HTML5, Semantic HTML, CSS3, JavaScript (ES6+), TypeScript, JSX, Asynchronous JavaScript

Frameworks & Libraries:

React.js, React Router, React Hooks, Tailwind CSS

State Management:

`useState`, `useEffect`, `useMemo`, `useCallback`, `useReducer`, Context API, Custom Hooks

Tools & Dev Environment:

GitHub, VS Code, Framer, Netlify, Vite, npm, Chrome DevTools

Backend & Integration:

REST APIs, LocalStorage, Supabase

Design & UX:

Responsive Web Design, Single Page Applications (SPA), Accessibility, Component-Based Architecture, Dark/Light Theme Toggle, Form Validation, Toast Notifications

Soft Skills:

Problem Solving, Analytical Thinking, Time Management, Project Coordination, Collaboration, Empathy, Teaching and Mentorship, Behavioral Design, Agile Mindset, Attention to Detail

Dictionary App

JavaScript * HTML * CSS * REST API

- Built a responsive, single-page dictionary app that fetches real-time definitions, phonetics, and usage data from the Free Dictionary API.
- Used vanilla Javascript for DOM manipulation and dynamic rendering of content.
- Live Demo: <https://ania-w-dictionary.netlify.app>
- GitHub: <https://github.com/AniaWillis/dictionary>

Personal Portfolio Site

React * Tailwind CSS * Vite * Formspark

- Developed a portfolio site to showcase development projects.
- Deployed via Netlify with contact form integration using Formspark.

Experience

Frontend Developer (Freelance)

Remote | Dec 2024 - Present

- Designed and developed JavaScript and React-based projects with a focus on UX and responsiveness.
- Collaborated with clients on technical requirements and visual design.

Assistant Project Coordinator

Construction Industry, Poland | 2019 - 2021

- Managed timelines, budgets, and materials for small construction projects.
- Coordinated subcontractors' schedules and tracked documentation.
- Used tools like Excel and Trello to manage timelines and resources.

Counselor / Trainer / Coach

Employed in Private Counseling Practice, Chicago, IL | 2003 - 2018

- Led therapeutic and educational groups, conducted seminars, trained staff, and developed client-centered treatment plans.
- Gained deep insight into human behavior, motivation, and engagement - now applied in UX and design work.

Education

The Complete JavaScript Course (2024) – Udemy

Advanced CSS and Sass (2022) – Udemy

Responsive Web Design (2022) – freeCodeCamp

Build Responsive Real-World Websites with HTML and CSS (2021) – Udemy

M.A. in Behavioral Science – Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago

M.A. in Human Resource Development – Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago

B.A. in Psychology – University of Illinois, Chicago