Anna Willis

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

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Summary

Self-taught Frontend Developer with a strong foundation in HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript (ES6+), React, and Tailwind CSS, along with modern tools like Framer and Supabase. Former behavioral health counselor, trainer, and assistant project manager with 15+ years of experience in coaching, leadership, and client engagement. Skilled in creating clean, maintainable code and responsive interfaces with a behavioral approach to UX. Built and deployed multiple real-world applications including a full-featured time-tracking app. Seeking a junior frontend development role where thoughtful design and collaboration matter.

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
- Built a modern, responsive marketing website with a blog for a startup client.
- Designed reusable components and layouts using Framer; incorporated Google Analytics, Mailchimp, and Typeform.
- Collaborated closely with the client from discovery to delivery.

React Calculator
React * Vite * JavaScript * Tailwind CSS
- Created a responsive calculator with real-time input display and keyboard-friendly interactions.
- Supports basic arithmetic operations (+, −, ×, ÷, %), parentheses, clear/reset, and expression evaluation.
- Live Demo: https://ania-w-react-calculator-app.netlify.app
- Github: https://github.com/AniaWillis/calculator-app

Skills & Technologies

Languages & Markup:
HTML5, Semantic HTML, CSS3, JavaScript (ES6+), TypeScript, JSX, Async JavaScript

Frameworks & Libraries:
React.js, React Router, React Hooks, Tailwind CSS, CSS Modules, Recharts, react-toastify

State Management:
useState, useEffect, useMemo, useCallback, useReducer, Context API, Custom Hooks

Tools & Dev Environment:
Git, GitHub, VS Code, Framer, Netlify, Vite, npm, Chrome DevTools, .env Configuration

Backend & Integration:
Supabase (Auth, Postgres, Row-Level-Security), REST APIs, LocalStorage

Design & UX:
Responsive Design, Dark/Light Theme Toggle, Component-Based Architecture, Form Validation, Toast Notifications, Debugging

Soft Skills:
Communication, Collaboration, Empathy, Analytical Thinking, Problem Solving, Organization and Time Management Skills, Project Coordination, Teaching and Mentorship, Behavioral Design, Agile Mindset

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.

Dice Roll Game
JavaScript * HTML * CSS
- Created an interactive two-player game with basic game logic and responsive layout.
- Live Demo: https://ania-w-dice-roll-game.netlify.app
- GitHub: https://github.com/AniaWillis/dice-game

Experience

Frontend Developer (Freelance)
Remote | Dec 2024 - Present
- Designed and developed React-based projects with a focus on UX and responsiveness.
- Collaborated with clients on technical requirements and visual design.

Assistant Project Manager
Construction Industry, Poland | 2019 - 2021
- Managed timelines, budgets, and materials for small construction projects.
- Coordinated subcontractors' schedules and tracked documentation.

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