Ben Arlanda

Full Stack Engineer focused on building accessible and impactful products that can help people lead better lives

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Experience

Full Stack Engineer **Gladly**   Dec 2023 - Present

- Worked in an agile environment to deliver production ready code for the gladly web and mobile applications
- Led the design and rebuild of the interactive admin application
- Collaborated with designers, product managers, and other engineers to transform new features into production
- Built and refactored multiple components using following best practices in component-based architecture
- Integrated multiple APIs with the client for large datasets
- Implemented unit tests to ensure the reliability and correctness of React components, improving code quality

Tech Stack: Next.js, React, React Native, Typescript, AWS Amplify, Lambda, AppSync, (GraphQL/DynamoDB), S3, Cognito

Recruitment Consultant **2XM, AC3, Bluefin**   Dec 2014 - 2023

- Responsible full recruitment life cycle from advertising, technical sourcing and interviewing
- Extensivley engaged with stakeholder to build relationhsips
- Mentored juniors with recruitment fundamentals to start new desks
- Contributed extensively to company revenue consistently with $500,000 per annum

Application Support Engineer **Hewlett Packard**   2011 - 2013

- Supporting the ministry of defence staff with technical support resolving multiple tickets
- Managed user accounts, including creation, modification, and deletion in Active Directory
- Used remote desktop tools to assit users with updates and installations

Consultant **Virgin Money**   2007 - 2012

- Provided mortgage solutions to existing customers, working closely with credit and underwriting teams to ensure smooth loan approvals while adhering to regulatory standards (FSA, KYC, AML).

Consultant **Lloyds Bank**   2005 - 2007

- Assisted customers with financial transactions, balances, fraud prevention and foreign exchange
- Followed strict financial guildlines adhering to financial services authority
- Collaborating with internal teams to escalate and resolve transaction and fraud problems

Skills

Programming Languages
JavaScript, TypeScript, Python, SQL, HTML, CSS

Libraries & Frameworks
React, Next.js, React Native, Node.js, Express, Tailwind, Expo, Figma, Jest

Tools & Platforms
Git, Github, Axios, Vercel, Figma, Webpack, Vite, Firebase

API & Cloud
REST API, GraphQL, AWS, EC2, S3, Docker

Projects

Tangerine
Redesign and development of Gladly's admin dashboard, a centralised backend platform for managing user data, transaction histories, and operational workflows.

ClearSky
I built this weather app with a tutorial to gain more experience with ShadCN, APIs and TanStack. It provides efficient data fetching and state management, ensuring real-time weather updates and caching

AI Voice Assistant
I built this app to have fun and get more practice with Python and AI. It is a voice assistant built with LiveKit that interacts with users through voice.

Education

Northumbria University
Bachelor of Information Technology

General Assembly
Full Stack Software Engineering

Interests

Music, health & wellbeing, science fiction, film & media, AI, nature