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PROFILE

Results-oriented UX Engineer with a passion for design systems, accessible component libraries, and cross-functional collaboration. Committed to fostering inclusivity and seeking a dynamic role in innovative product development

EDUCATION

Turing School of Software & Design
Front End Engineering | 2020

Columbia University Teachers College
M.A. in Teaching of English | 2017

Hampshire College
B.A. in Creative Writing | 2014

SKILLS

UI/UX: Design system implementation and documentation, component libraries, Storybook, responsive design, accessibility, developer experience research

LANGUAGES, FRAMEWORKS, & TOOLS: JavaScript, HTML, React, CSS/SASS/SCSS, Figma, React Native, Vue, Redux, unit/integrative/e2e testing, TypeScript, version control

EXPERIENCE

UX Engineer | 2021-Present
Vivian Health | Remote
- Develop and maintain a comprehensive library of reusable React and React Native components on Storybook, including thorough documentation, implementation notes, and interactive playgrounds.
- Facilitate effective collaboration between design and engineering teams through active participation in design reviews and engineering scrum ceremonies, and leading project kick-offs and check-ins.
- Lead multiple component overhauls by conducting audits, identifying design and engineering requirements, creating flexible components, performing backfills, and delivering live demos and written instructions to educate designers and engineers.
- Ensure adherence to design system principles and accessibility guidelines by reviewing all UI-relevant code and promoting the appropriate use of reusable components.
- Successfully lead accessibility initiatives for web and mobile applications to ensure ethical and legal obligations are met. Create documentation and code standards and lead educational sessions.

Front End Engineer | 2020-2021
Vivian Health | Remote
- Develop and implement React-based front-end solutions, optimizing user interfaces for enhanced performance, responsiveness, and usability.
- Conduct thorough code reviews, ensuring adherence to best practices, code quality standards, and identifying opportunities for optimization and improvement.

Sixth-Grade English Teacher | 2017-2019
Graland Country Day School | Denver, CO

Literacy Fellow | 2015-2016
The Work First Foundation | New York, NY

Youth Mentor | 2014-2015
AmeriCorps | Denver, CO