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Employment

Nextdoor - Lead Front-end Architect (React, TypeScript, Flow, RTK, RTL, Bash, Docker)

(June 2021 – Sept 2022)

- Founded isomorphic SSR/CSR codebase for entire site, accelerating build speed, client performance, and pipeline parallelization.
 - Reduced local dev resource consumption by 70% via novel dev-server to replace cumbersome Docker/Python/Webpack combo, improving dev experience and productivity across the entire company.
 - Unified state and file structure, aggregating common needs across many teams into a single source of truth.
 - Solved org-wide unit-test issues plaguing devs for years in a matter of weeks via customizable util functions for async logic, user interactions, redirects, and mocks.
- Converted entire site from Flow to TypeScript, consisting of millions of lines of code via homebrewed AST parser util.
- Mediated org's lack of QA by building a custom system utilizing Docker for running the prod environment locally with with your own code injected, allowing sensitive logic to be verified before CD deployment.
- Constructed 5-year roadmap to improve front-end DX and performance.
 - Executed complete website analysis to discover and fix the largest CI/CD bottlenecks.
 - Laid out instructions/metrics for transitioning from a monolithic structure to micro-frontends.

E-Trade - Senior Full-Stack Software Engineer (React, Spring, MobX, Enzyme)

(July 2018 – June 2021)

- Mediated company-wide network issues in personal time via novel MockRequests library (see Open-source below).
 - Eliminated largest front-end blocker in the company: server rolls occurring twice per week that disable all API endpoints.
 - Improved developer productivity by 40%.
 - Included in company-wide React/SCSS design-language library/boilerplate due to its efficiency.
- Developed a dashboard for analyzing internal systems before markets open (July Dec 2018).
 - Designed and spearheaded a novel Python architecture to enhance data flow/maintainability, and reduce technical debt.
- Built 2 platforms for creating investment plans (first year netted \$2.5 million, +37% purchases, +15% new customers).
 - Boosted client performance by 50% through restructuring React/MobX global state management.
 - Enhanced server scalability by optimizing data aggregation logic and introducing multithreading.
 - Leveraged design pattern acumen to simplify client-server-DB communication by restructuring Spring DAOs, DTOs, & logic.
- Fostered a culture of learning and growth in the organization's developer community.
 - Primary mentor for onboarding all new hires, including sessions for teaching git, libraries, and the development stack.
 - **Optimized team productivity** by engineering scripts for automating tasks, including Jira ticket autocompletion in git, using local text editors/IDEs to code on remote servers, remote file exchanges, cookie extraction/refresh during development, etc.
 - Inspired deeper collaboration across various Slack channels, leading to improvements in coding practices.

E-Trade - Android Engineer (Java, Internship)

<play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.etrade.mobilepro.activity>

(June – Aug. 2017)

- Pioneered E-Trade's first Android Edge panel widget that displayed a user's watch lists and respective stock data.
- Orchestrated the state management, authentication, and caching systems; Coordinated UI/UX design and testing.
- Facilitated a seamless MVP hand-off to maintainers by writing guides, documentation, and descriptive git commit messages.

Open-source

MockRequests (JavaScript) < https://www.npmjs.com/package/mock-requests>

(Sept. 2019)

- Launched the first lightweight, yet powerful, mocking library that doesn't require changing source code or running local servers.
- Boasts features other solutions seldom support: Simple one-step configuration that automatically works throughout the entire application, language/library/environment agnostic, exceptionally performant, toggling mocks via CLI.

Projects

Anime Atsume (Spring Boot, React) < https://github.com/D-Pow/anime-atsume>

(June - July 2020)

- Unique anime search engine providing the quickest possible path from searching titles to watching episodes, unlike most sites.
- Full-stack: PWA SPA React front-end, Spring Boot back-end, Docker container, AWS host, GitHub Actions CI/CD.

<u>Picture Place</u> (React Native, Ionic, PWA, Spring Boot)

(June 2022 - Present)

• Mobile app which automatically scans images taken of restaurants/menus, classify them with AI to add tags (cuisine, price, atmosphere, quality, etc.), and add them to an interactive map of places you want to visit.

• Written as both a native app and PWA for cross-platform usability.

Research – Atoms of Confusion (C, PHP, HTML/CSS) < www.atomsofconfusion.com >

(Aug. 2016 – May 2018)

• Determined code patterns that are objectively confusing, with implications for improving design principles and specifications.

Education

NYU Tandon School of Engineering – GPA: 3.8/4.0 <u>Master of Science in Computer Science</u> (May 2018) Brooklyn, NY New College of Florida, the State's Honors College Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry (May 2016) Sarasota, FL

Skills

Languages

JavaScript/TypeScript, Java, HTML, SCSS, Python, SQL, PHP, LaTeX.

Technology

React, Spring Boot, Git, RTK, MobX, Webpack, Jest, JUnit, Gradle, Maven, Linux, Bash, Regex, Docker, Oracle DB, Agile (Scrum), GitHub, BitBucket, Jira, CI/CD (GH Actions, CircleCI, Jenkins), AWS, GCP, Heroku, Automation Testing.

Additional Relevant Activities

<u>Eagle Scout</u> (2011): Highest rank, top 2% of all Boy Scouts. <u>Cyber Security Club</u> (Sept. 2016 – May 2017).

NYU Healthcare Hackathon Winner (Nov. 2016). Japanese (2019 – Present): Approaching N5 fluency.