

**Tailwind Labs**

Hiring Team

Somewhere in Ontario, Canada

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Dear Hiring Managers,

Bringing myself to the next level has always been the driving force throughout my life. My name is Florian, a 27-year-old JavaScript frontend and backend developer. For the past five years, I've been working as a freelancer, with the last three years being under a regularly renewed self-employee contract with Groupe ADP (Paris Airports).

I assume you have a lot of submissions to review, I assure you that this cover letter will not simply reiterate my portfolio or resume but will instead focus on my journey from university to today, mentioning the experiences that have marked my personal and professional life, and why I believe I would be a suitable fit for Tailwind Labs.

After completing high school, I pursued a two-year diploma in Multimedia (Computer Science, Design and Movie Production) in France. In 2016 I earned an athletic scholarship to play soccer in the United States and study Digital Media and Design, which led me to spend three years in the United States. Practicing soccer since my young age not only gave me the sense of working as a team, but also since I was a Goalkeeper, this position taught me the way of doing things by myself by counting on my own decisions and responsibilities.

My pre-career started with the establishment of my first business in 2018, co-founding a goalkeeper gear and gloves brand with two partners, called Orzale. This endeavor, which involved managing a Prestashop website, provided products and web design, technical and administrative insights, particularly in accountability. I put all my knowledge of the Adobe

Suite and web development. Unfortunately, Orzale does not exist anymore (since 2022) due to the pandemic financial issues we encountered.

Following my graduation, I realized the need to concretely establish my career path. I dived into freelancing in 2019, despite lacking professional experience in a company. From my childhood bedroom at my parents' home, I embarked on my freelancing career, developing WordPress websites and e-shop platforms, creating logos and business cards for small to medium-sized enterprises. Securing a part-time self-employment contract with a Swiss company enabled me to stabilize my income while further honing my skills.

Driven by a desire to delve deeper into web development, I remember starting learning React.js on Traversy Media Youtube Channel since I was not afraid of English language anymore, and concurrently undertook projects for my clients. Freelancing platforms facilitated my acquisition of projects, ultimately leading to a pivotal opportunity with Groupe ADP as a frontend and backend JavaScript developer. This role, which I consider a dream job, granted me autonomy in enhancing the technology stack, including technology such as Next.js, TailwindCSS, Swiper.js, and Strapi. Despite initially lacking extensive project experience, I advocated for the usage of Tailwind, which proved to be transformative for our projects. Notably, my responsibilities have ranged from revamping the homepage of [parisaeroport.fr](https://parisaeroport.fr) to developing the Paris Airports marketplace on [extime.com](https://extime.com).

Between August 2021 and June 2023, my life partner and I embarked on a two year journey to Montreal, Canada, seeking both work opportunities and travel experiences. Because of the pandemic, I had to find a job to enter to Canada, this period saw me concurrently employed by Absolunet (now Valtech) as a JavaScript engineer, collaborating within a dynamic team on projects involving Gatsby, Knex, and Shopify APIs. Although the experience was one of the best of my career since I worked with great people and I learnt a lot from them, the fifty-five hours a week workload prompted me to reassess my priorities, leading to my decision to return to full-time freelancing with Groupe ADP.

In October 2023, I co-founded Anywwwwhere with an UI UX Designer, a web agency specializing in WordPress, Prestashop websites, and web applications (with Next, Strapi and

my Tailwind UI license). Managing projects, overseeing recruitment, and devising solutions for clients constitute my primary responsibilities within the company.

Additionally, I have a passion for sharing knowledge. I created some web development tutorials on YouTube, I don't publish enough but I have decent feedback about my existing videos. While I may not have a lot of contribution to open-source projects, I have made some modest contributions to Strapi plugins. Additionally, I am also engaged in discussions on the GitHub Next.js (Vercel) repository.

Beyond my professional aspect, I have a diverse range of interests, including a love for pop-rock music, playing the guitar, and enduring my passion for soccer. Moreover, I am deeply intrigued by real estate, stock markets, cryptocurrencies, financial management, and reading books about productivity. I am constantly seeking to expand my knowledge in these domains.

I would like to thank you for reading me and for considering my application for TailwindLab. This opportunity aligns perfectly with my desire to push myself to a deeper level and become the best professional version of myself.

Sincerely,

Florian Dupuis.