Jim Rush
Front end Developer

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I'm a front end developer based in Wellington, New Zealand. I enjoy learning and using new programming languages and technologies and managing the challenges that come with working on high traffic websites.

I'm looking for a role where I can continue to grow my technical skills and take on new challenges and problems.

Work History

June 2019 - present

Front end developer - RNZ (Radio New Zealand)

This full time role involves the ongoing development of the RNZ website and architecture and creation of a new publishing pipeline and associated internal tooling. I also helped architect and build a Local Democracy Reporting tool for reporters to share content. My focus was on a fast and robust front end for this high traffic website (8 million views per month), with a firm focus on server rendered HTML augmented with Javascript as appropriate.

March 2018 - June 2019

Front end developer - Timely

This full time role involved the migrating and assisting in the creation of a new monorepo, collaborating with the design team, for the Timely UI react component library and associated deployment pipelines (on Azure). This pipeline included snapshot testing, visual regression testing and other tooling. I also delivered multiple features and bug fixes as part of my day to day work.

August 2016 - March 2018

Software developer - homes.co.nz

This full time permanent role involved me mostly working in Angular, React, HTML, CSS (SASS), Python & Go to build the homes.co.nz website & associated microservices on AWS.

November 2015 - August 2016

iOS Developer - Xero

As part of the Xero Graduate program, I worked on the core Xero iOS app. This full-time role involved working as part of the wider Xero Product team, developing and improving the app in both Swift and Objective-C.

March 2014 - November 2015

Technical Specialist - Xero

In this part-time role, I was responsible for providing technical support for several Xero products, auxiliary support to internal Xero teams and developer support for our add-on partners using the Xero API.

April 2010 - October 2012

Print Controller - New Zealand International Film Festival

In this full time, fixed term project management position I was responsible for all logistics, freighting, and technical information for the NZIFF. Each year, this would amount to over 2,000 yearly screenings.

August 2006 - October 2013	**Director - Galesburg and Rushmore** Handled all budgeting, logistics, tour management, publicity and promotion involved in bringing over 75 international musical acts to NZ. Some of the highlights include: Pavement, Neko Case, Vic Chesnutt, The National, Joanna Newsom, Yo La Tengo, Sufjan Stevens & Grizzly Bear.

Education

2012-2015	**B.Sc Computer Science - Victoria University Wellington** During my bachelors degree, I gravitated towards network engineering and contributed towards an open source Software Defined Networking project (SDN) in my final year.

Skills

Javascript (React, Angular, jQuery, ECMAScript6)	5 years experience
AWS	3.5 years experience
Golang	2 years experience
Python	5 years experience
HTML/CSS	5 years experience
Ruby	1 year experience

Qualities

Thrives in a work environment that encourages learning and collaboration.

Excellent problem solving abilities.

A strong working understanding of web technologies, RESTful web services, micro-service architecture and network engineering.

A desire for simple and robust solutions over complex ones.

A good understanding of how designers and developers can work closely together.

References

Available on request.