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FRONTEND DEVELOPER

I am an experienced Front End Developer with a military background, skilled in JavaScript, TypeScript, CSS3, and React, with proficiency in Agile methodologies. Proven track record of leading front-end projects and thriving in team environments. Now, I'm on the lookout for a role where I can continue to create, collaborate, and contribute to a dynamic team in the tech space.

KEY COMPETENCIES

HTML5 & CSS3
Javascript / Typescript
React

API Integration
AWS Authentication
Agile & Scrum Practices

UI/UX Design
JavaScript Libraries
Git / GitHub / GitLab

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

LV Property Solutions Frontend Developer

Jun 2023 - Present

Responsibilities:

- Spearheading the development and ongoing maintenance of the company's website, ensuring a user-friendly and intuitive experience for visitors.
- Optimize website performance, enhancing page load speed, responsiveness, and overall functionality across multiple platforms and devices.
- Leverage SEO best practices to drive organic traffic, increasing online visibility and leading to improved lead generation and customer engagement.
- Collaborate with cross-functional teams, including marketing and sales, to align the website with broader business objectives and ensure consistent branding.

Sparq Frontend Developer Intern

Jan 2023 - May 2023

Accomplishments:

- Single-handedly led the front-end development of a complex job assignment scheduling application, incorporating UI/UX design, functionality and logic code, form and error handling, and seamless integration with 10+ backend REST APIs.
- Implemented a secure authentication system using AWS Cognito and Amplify, and built custom navigation and dynamic tables, resulting in an enhanced user experience and significantly improved scheduling efficiency.
- Participated actively in Agile practices including daily standups and weekly sprints, fostering efficient communication and collaboration within a 9-person Scrum team.
- Presented weekly demos to company executives, effectively communicating project progress and leveraging their feedback to drive design improvements and feature enhancements.

Accomplishments:

- Managed the readiness of personnel, equipment, and munitions, ensuring all elements were deployable at all times and contributing to a 100% mission success rate.
 - Led a successful reorganization of munitions assets that drove a 45% increase in operational efficiency through improved tracking of equipment location, status, and inspection history.
 - Leveraged Secret security clearance to handle sensitive information and safeguard national security interests, demonstrating high levels of responsibility and trust.
 - Balanced duties as a Deployment Manager and Safety Representative, demonstrating adaptability and resilience within a dynamic military environment, and maintaining team safety through regular briefings and training. Concurrently committed to continuous learning and skill enhancement, evidenced by the successful completion of Career Development Courses (CDCs).
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PROJECTS

Interview With AI

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- Solely developed a dynamic and interactive mock interview application using Vite, React, Typescript, and OpenAI API, providing a range of tech job scenarios to enhance user adaptability.
- Implemented innovative features such as real-time speech-to-text and text-to-speech interactions, creating an immersive user experience through microphone input and audible question prompts.
- Leveraged the OpenAI API for real-time analysis of user responses, offering personalized and actionable feedback to bolster interview skills.

Sparq Scheduling App

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- Designed and developed a meeting scheduling application from scratch as a part of the Sparq internship program with React and leveraging back-end APIs for seamless integration.
- Utilizes key libraries like Formik, Yup, Material UI, Axios, React Router Dom, and Storybook to enhance functionality and user experience.
- Employed AWS Cognito and AWS Amplify to design a secure authentication system, ensuring seamless user login and access control.

Pokemon Battle App

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- Developed a Pokemon battle application using Typescript and React, allowing users to assemble their own team and battle against a rival.
- Integrated PokeAPI to fetch Pokemon data, providing a comprehensive database for users to choose from and showcasing my proficiency in API integration.