Mark Gardner

Front-End Developer

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Summary

As a Front-End Developer, I have experience in a variety of technologies, including Next.js, React, JavaScript, Tailwind, Bootstrap, PostgreSQL, MongoDB, and GraphQL, to name a few. My front end skills are complemented by 13 years of video production experience, which has given me a keen eye for detail, a talent for visual storytelling, and the soft skills needed to work with diverse teams. I'm passionate about learning and thrive on tackling new challenges head-on. With over 18 years of professional experience across multiple industries, I've successfully worked on teams that consistently deliver quality products and I'm dedicated to delivering high-quality work that exceeds expectations.

Technical Skills

Technology: JavaScript ES6+, HTML5, CSS3, PostgreSQL, MongoDB
Libraries: Next.js(13+), React (18+), Sass, Tailwind, GraphQL, Material UI, Bootstrap, GSAP
Tools: Vercel, GitHub, NPM, SQL Workbench, MongoDB Compass, MongoDB Atlas, Adobe CS, VS Code

Projects Built

Playdate
Live site: https://playdate-v2.vercel.app

A website for busy parents to plan and manage playdates for their kids. It uses multiple Google APIs to manage locations and places as well as Supabase and Firebase for full user management.
Role: Sole Developer
Tools: Next.js, React, Firebase, Supabase, PostgreSQL, JavaScript, Tailwind, GSAP, Quill

Migrate
Live site: https://migrate-abroad.herokuapp.com/
GitHub Repo: https://github.com/markgatx/migrate

A MERN application to help people looking to relocate to another country find a place that will feel like home utilizing complex APIs and data-visualization.
Role: Front-end design and implementation, branding logos and graphics creation
Tools: React, MongoDB, JavaScript, TypeKit, Photoshop, Express, Node.js, SASS, GSAP, Victory Charts, Unsplash API

Luxe Cavallo
Live site: https://luxecavallo.vercel.app/
GitHub Repo: https://github.com/MarkGATX/luxecavallo

A fictional luxury boutique created to be highly responsive and media-rich, providing an immersive and engaging user experience.
Role: Sole Developer
Tools: Next.js, React, GraphQL, JavaScript, MongoDB, Material UI, GSAP, CSS3, Photoshop

Relevant Experience

Full-Stack Developer - Freelance

2023 - present, AUSTIN

- Contract with clients to create full-stack applications that meet their specific needs and goals.
- Develop web applications using tech stacks including Next.js, React, Sass, Material UI, Bootstrap, GSAP, and more.
- Work with clients to develop comprehensive style guides that align with their goals and branding.
- Communicate and collaborate with clients about goals, timelines, and challenges through the development process.

Engineering Instructor - Hello World Computer Science

2023 - present, AUSTIN

- Teach students computer science concepts and languages and frameworks, including HTML, CSS, JavaScript and Python.
- Teach and troubleshoot projects in VR using a combination of JavaScript and CodeBlocks.

Local Government Solutions - Developer

2017 - 2018, AUSTIN

- Assisted in customer and business transitions to LGS after HCSS was acquired.
- Developed outlines for new customer training and retention programs and developed a revamped online brand presence.

The Weirdlings - Creator and Producer

2011 - 2020,   AUSTIN

- Guided growth of the award-winning channel to reach over 15,000 subscribers and 2.8 million lifetime views on YouTube.
- Engaged with the world-wide digital video community and was elected to the International Academy of Web Television Board of Directors where I was named Secretary.
- Created and maintained all social outlets and websites for The Weirdlings using WordPress and custom CSS.
- Developed all graphic effects for every video released, ranging from lower-thirds to full splash screens.

Hill Country Software and Support - Front-End Developer

2008 - 2017, AUSTIN

- Implemented a complete UI/UX redesign and deployment of the web-based application of a COBOL backend with Javascript, JQuery, and updated HTML and CSS.
- Migrated the corporate website to a WordPress CMS and implemented systems to directly notify customers of updates to systems and important notes.

Education

University of Texas at Austin / Full-Stack Developer Certificate

University of Texas at Austin / Master in Sports Science and Nutrition

University of Texas at Austin / Bachelor of Arts in Plan II (Liberal Arts Advanced Honors)