



RUSLAN NIKOLOV

FRONTEND DEVELOPER & UI/UX DESIGNER

ELECTRONIC MUSIC PRODUCER

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GitHub

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SoundCloud

TECHNICAL SKILLS

React

Next.js

TypeScript

Redux

REST API

GraphQL

Tailwind

SASS

Material UI

Git

CI/CD

Webpack

Vite

Mapbox

Web Audio API

AI-assisted Development

SOFT SKILLS

Client-focused problem solving

Leadership and mentoring

Effective communication

Strategic project planning

Communication & Collaboration

PROFILE

Frontend developer blending performance engineering with sleek, intuitive UX. I build applications that are fast, scalable, and engaging, ensuring every product feels modern, polished, and reliable. Skilled in leading projects from concept to deployment, integrating cutting-edge technologies and AI-assisted development for optimal results.

WORK EXPERIENCE

MAY 2024 - PRESENT

FREELANCE FRONTEND DEVELOPER & UI/UX DESIGNER

Independent Contractor

React, TypeScript, Next.js, Tailwind, SASS, Web Audio API, AI-assisted Development

- Designed and delivered high-performance, responsive web applications across multiple industries.
- Built interactive audio-visual experiences with Web Audio API, enhancing user engagement.
- Developed authentication and news comments backend for a crypto dashboard app using Node.js and Express.
- Managed end-to-end project lifecycle: requirement gathering, prototyping, implementation, deployment, and post-launch support.
- Collaborated with clients to translate vision into maintainable, modern web applications.
- Optimized performance with lazy loading, code-splitting, and efficient state management.
- Leveraged AI tools (Cursor, ChatGPT) to accelerate development and ensure high-quality, bug-free code.

SEP 2023 - MAR 2025

URBAN PLANNING WEB INTERFACE (PROJECT)

Frontend Developer

React, TypeScript, Mapbox, SASS

- Built geospatial interfaces for municipal planning, enabling visualization of zoning changes, street closures, and overlays.
- Delivered performant and intuitive front-end solutions for complex geospatial datasets.

JUL 2021 - AUG 2023

EPAM SYSTEMS

Senior Frontend Developer

TypeScript, React, Material UI, CI/CD

- Acted as client-facing technical senior: proposing features and maintaining clear communication throughout project lifecycle.
- Contributed to system architecture decisions for modular, maintainable fin-tech applications.
- Developed scalable UI components and integrated complex REST APIs.
- Improved performance in fin-tech projects and in an ecommerce project: lowered the initial render time up to ~30% and memory usage up to ~25%.
- Assure that agile methodologies and best practices are followed in my team. Divided big development work into isolated tasks for developers to work on.
- Led a subteam of 3 developers and distributed work among them.
- Mentored through code reviews and pair programming
- Managed CI/CD pipelines end-to-end with Jenkins and Github Actions to ensure smooth, reliable deployments.

Problem-Solving & Critical Thinking

Adaptability & Continuous Learning

Time Management & Prioritization

Attention to Detail

Empathy & User-Centric Mindset

Collaboration in Agile Teams

Mentorship & Knowledge Sharing

LANGUAGES

🌐 English (Fluent)

🌐 Bulgarian (Fluent)

🌐 Russian (Basic)

🔊 ELECTRONIC MUSIC

Passionate electronic music producer with experience in ambient, techno, and experimental genres. Music influences my approach to UI/UX design, bringing rhythm and flow to digital experiences.

EDUCATION

2016-2018 SOFTWARE UNIVERSITY

JavaScript Module

2016-2020 UNIVERSITY OF NATIONAL AND WORLD ECONOMY

Bachelor in Marketing

2010-2015 SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS AND NATURE SCIENCES

High School Diploma

- Conducted technical interviews and assessments.

NOV 2019 - JUL 2021

EPAM SYSTEMS

Frontend Developer

TypeScript React Redux Material UI SASS

- Built complex UI components and authentication systems.
- Developed comprehensive unit and integration tests.
- Optimized rendering performance and refactored legacy code.
- Wrote SASS CSS and implemented responsive design.
- Performed cross-browser development and error handling.
- Created comprehensive unit tests.
- Contributed to React PDF Library and implemented ANTLR-based formula parsing.

NOV 2018 - NOV 2019

EPAM SYSTEMS

Junior Frontend Developer

TypeScript React Next.js SASS Styleguidist

- Developed dynamic UI components and comprehensive unit tests.
- Set up projects and researched best practices.
- Created utility functions and UI designs in Adobe XD.
- Built responsive and accessible user interfaces.

MAY 2018 - SEP 2018

ORBIS DIGITAL SERVICES

Frontend Developer Intern

TypeScript Angular SASS Bootstrap

- Developed app for chocolate provider with reusable components.
- Wrote SASS CSS and implemented responsive design.
- Performed cross-browser development and error handling.
- Created comprehensive unit tests.