



RUSLAN NIKOLOV

FRONTEND DEVELOPER & UI/UX DESIGNER

ELECTRONIC MUSIC PRODUCER

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SUMMARY

Frontend developer with more than 7 years of experience 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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CORE COMPETENCIES

- Frontend Development, UI/UX Design, Design Systems, Component Libraries
- React, Next.js, TypeScript, JavaScript (ES6+), Redux, React Router
- REST APIs, GraphQL, Axios, Node.js, Express
- Accessibility (WCAG 2.1), Responsive Design, Cross-browser Compatibility
- Performance Optimization, Code Splitting, Lazy Loading
- Testing (Jest, React Testing Library), CI/CD (GitHub Actions, Jenkins)
- Webpack, Vite, Tailwind CSS, SASS/SCSS, Material UI
- Agile/Scrum, Stakeholder Communication, Mentoring & Leadership

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- React
- Next.js
- TypeScript
- JavaScript
- Node.js
- HTML
- CSS
- React Router
- Redux
- Axios
- REST API
- GraphQL
- Tailwind CSS
- 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
- Collaboration in Agile teams
- Problem-solving and critical thinking
- Adaptability and continuous learning
- Time management and prioritization
- Attention to detail
- User-centric mindset
- Mentorship and 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