

# SAMANTHA SIFANTUS

Software Engineer

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## SKILLS

JavaScript / TypeScript  
React / Next.js / Vue  
Node.js / NPM  
CSS / Tailwind  
React Query / Apollo  
Prisma / Feathers ORM  
GraphQL / REST  
MySQL / PostgreSQL  
Git

## ROLES

Front-End Engineer  
Full-Stack Engineer  
Team Lead  
Project Lead  
UX Design

## EDUCATION

2015

**New School University**  
**Master of Arts**  
Philosophy  
New York, NY

2005

**New School University**  
**Bachelor of Arts**  
Philosophy, Critical Theory  
New York, NY

## EXPERIENCE

### Spotter, Inc

Dec 2023 - present

#### Senior Software Engineer, Culver City, CA

- Founding engineer on Studio, an AI-powered SaaS application (React, Next.js) for YouTube creators
- Contributor to integration of chat-based, agentic GenUI workflow interface (LangChain, LangGraph)
- Full-stack feature development, performance and prompt optimization and monitoring, REST API architecture, and component library implementation
- Core engineer and founding member of Design System council and component library development team

### Groundswell Giving

Apr 2022 - Aug 2023

#### Software Engineer, El Segundo, CA

- Lead front-end engineer on philanthropy focused fintech SaaS platform (React, Next.js, Apollo GraphQL)
- Contributed to refactor of backend-for-frontend conversion from Golang into Typescript (Prisma ORM)
- Drove web component library design and implementation, in close collaboration with Product team

### Beyond Limits AI

Jun 2020 - Mar 2022

#### Senior Software Engineer, Glendale, CA

- Lead front-end engineer on multi-tenant industrial AI-driven SaaS application (React, Feathers ORM)
- Spearheaded company-wide design system development; partnered with UX to translate brand guidelines into reusable components and comprehensive design system
- Implemented i18n internationalization, accessibility compliance, formal coding standards, query templates

### The Walt Disney Company

Jan 2018 - Jun 2020

#### Senior Software Engineer, Burbank, CA

- Lead engineer on Inside Disney, an enterprise-wide intranet HR software platform (React, PHP, MySQL) serving ~200,000 users
- Full-stack development, code review, quality assurance testing, and release management support
- Contributed to standardized build pipeline implementation and migration of all properties to AWS

### Rachel Zoe, Inc

#### Technology Director, West Hollywood, CA

Mar 2017 - Dec 2017

#### Lead Software Engineer, West Hollywood, CA

Mar 2015 - Mar 2017

- Technical lead and manager overseeing all properties, infrastructure, contract and in-house engineering teams; directed application development and strategy
- Full-stack development, code review, release management, hiring, developer training/mentoring, resource allocation, data migration management, and reporting
- Lead engineer on launch and expansion of both retail and subscription websites and rebuild of high-traffic online magazine serving ~3 million unique monthly users

### Dastrada Digital

Apr 2014 - Mar 2015

#### Lead Software Engineer, Los Angeles, CA

- Front-end and full-stack application development, Shopify development, 3rd party API integrations, digital strategy, application design, and information architecture

### The Uprising Creative

May 2012 - Apr 2014

#### Web Developer, Los Angeles, CA

- Lead engineer on numerous high-profile, high-traffic websites for clients including Justin Timberlake, Dave Matthews Band, Eric Church, Sara Bareilles, Alicia Keys, Luke Bryant, Jason Mraz, and Nicholas Sparks
- Front-end and full-stack development for interactive campaigns, websites, proprietary plugins, 3rd party API integrations, community platform integration, mobile and web apps