

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

EXPERIENCE

Spotter, Inc

Senior Software Engineer, Culver City, CA

Dec 2023 - present

- 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 (Prisma, NestJS), and component library implementation
- Core engineer and founding member of Design System council and component library development team

Groundswell Giving

Software Engineer, El Segundo, CA

Apr 2022 - Aug 2023

- 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

ROLES

Front-End Engineer

Full-Stack Engineer

Team Lead

Project Lead

UX Design

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

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

Rachel Zoe, Inc

Mar 2017 - Dec 2017

Technology Director, West Hollywood, CA

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