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**Frontend Development** 

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Since 2000, I've worked on a huge variety of projects for a diverse range of clients, from the smallest startups to the largest multinationals. A master craftsman of clean, maintainable code with a keen

eye for design - I work quickly to bring products to life with the care and attention they deserve,

filling in gaps and adding details which really improve the quality and finesse of the user experience.

**Erecruit** 03/22 - 03/23

Two recruitment apps for Android and iOS built with React Native. The first was built from scratch and was so well received that it was agreed it should form the basis of a rebuild for a similar preexisting app, for which I created a whole new design system and rebuilt several additional features,

bringing both apps into line with each other and ensuring a smooth runway for future development.

**Rehab** 11/19 - 03/22

Returning to Rehab, I worked on various projects including...

Video Chat App - A video chat app for iOS featuring a variety of single and multi-user modes, with videos able to be broadcast live on TV or recorded for later use. An accompanying web app allowed the configuration and moderation of live chat rooms, review and handling of recorded

sessions and basic user admin.

Both the iOS app and the accompanying web app were built simultaneously by myself using React, React Native, Twilio Video and Firebase analytics, authorisation, cloud functions, realtime data and storage in around twelve weeks, including some significant changes to functionality

along the way.

**3D Collectibles App** - A rich-immersive prototype for iOS combining a navigable 3D scene supported by a collectibles storefront, with storytelling through conventional UI, interactive video and augmented reality. Built using React Native, React Navigation, ThreeJS and Reality

Composer in around six weeks.

Another prototype explored how these collectibles could be created through machine learning, using a model inspired by DNA. This included a web app where collectibles could be generated, manipulated in 3D, adjusted and scored. Built with React and ThreeJS in four weeks.

**Local Opportunity Finder** – Google's Local Opportunity Finder is a campaign encouraging businesses to list or enhance their business profile listing on Google and Google Maps by giving personalised suggestions based on their existing profile and business sector, all localised for several markets. Built with React and GSAP.

**Black Owned Friday** – Coinciding with Black Friday, Google's Black Owned Friday campaign aims to shift the narrative towards black-owned businesses with this shoppable video experience, featuring over 100 products in this original music video by T-Pain and Normani. Built with React, YouTube and GSAP.

**Spotify Kids** – To raise awareness for the Spotify Kids app, this interactive piece allows children of all ages to preview tracks by selecting emojis to create their own personalised playlist, with different tracks playing based on the mixture of emojis selected. Built with React, Lottie and Styled Components.

## **Kindeo** 09/18 – 10/19

Kindeo was a platform for sharing your life stories with loved ones. My challenge was to recreate the experience of their iPad-only app into a progressive web app for use across all devices. Built with React, progress was extremely fast with the core experience (the result of four years of work) rebuilt in around six weeks. New features were then added to make the experience more engaging.

# **CognitionX** 04/18 - 09/18

CognitionX was an online compendium of all things AI. Over the course of three years, the project had changed direction so many times that the codebase had become almost completely unworkable. Fortunately, I was able to completely rebuild the experience using React, Redux and Bulma in a much more intuitive way in only eight weeks, including some substantial design revisions.

# **Rehab** 03/17 - 04/18

During my first stint at Rehab, I became a valued member of the team, sharing my knowledge with others and advising them on some more agile ways of working, thereby increasing efficiency.

**Google Local Discovery** – Built with Polymer in around six weeks, the Local Discovery Engine was a rich, immersive experience to inform US business owners the importance of being listed on Google Maps – hooking into some big data from Google to show search data in their local area.

**Facebook** – A whole suite of sites developed for Facebook within a seemingly impossible timeframe, the largest of which was a pair of sites to teach digital skills to startups and individuals in India. All CMS-based and multilingual, with frontend built with React, Redux and Sass.

**Silicon Valley** – From the hit TV show Silicon Valley, Pipey is the digital assistant nobody wants or needs. Brought to life as a Chrome Extension, Pipey sits in your browser communicating with a chatbot engine to make hilarious yet unhelpful remarks about the websites you visit.

#### **Beano** 08/16 - 10/16

Working among a dream-team of highly experienced designers and developers, my task was to quickly develop the new Beano.com site from a rough prototype to a highly polished website prior to a grand unveiling in front of the nation's media. Built using React and Redux with CSS Modules.

## **Toaster** 05/16 - 07/16

I was brought into Toaster to assist as Tech Lead during a period of increased workload. Duties involved managing a team of 20-25 developers split over offices in London, San Francisco, Singapore and India – working across a variety of projects almost exclusively for Google.

#### **Head** 03/16 - 04/16

At Head I worked on a global help portal for Tesco, bringing the many fragmented help experiences from all of their websites into one simple, easy-to-use experience built with React. The trickiest part was consulting with developers in Tesco's Bangalore office on how best to structure a RESTful API.

**Hive** 06/13 - 02/16

During my time at Hive, I worked on a number of projects including...

**Google Consumer Barometer** – A tool to help users understand how people use the Internet around the world. The result is a tool which successfully masks its immense complexity behind a beautifully simple, yet powerful user interface. Built with Angular, Foundation, Less and Gulp.

**Google Chromebooks** – A static site promoting Google's new range of Chromebook computers. Working side-by-side with a designer, we set about creating a number of prototypes for user testing, iterating our way towards a final design. Built with Assemble, Foundation, Sass and Grunt.

**Google Nexus** – The main retail site for Google's range of phones and tablets. Joining a small team of developers, the requirement was to turn the site around in record time to tie in with the release of the latest handset. Built with Angular, Foundation, Sass and Grunt.

**Gree** 09/12 - 04/13

Lead a small team of developers in creating the UI for an iOS/Android football manager game.

Digital Outlook / Doco 06/10 - 09/12

Developed various games to promote movie releases from Disney, Pixar and Marvel.

Squeeze Digital / DCH 08/06 - 07/11

Created websites and games for the likes of Sharp, Nikon and Heart FM.

**Various** 09/04 - 08/06

Created various websites for small, local businesses.

University of Wolverhampton 09/01 – 06/04

BSc (Hons) Computer Aided Product Design - 2:1

**S-Cool!** 07/00 - 09/01

Created animations, puzzles and games for this school revision website.

**Chew Valley School** 09/93 – 07/00

9 GCSEs at grades A-C including Design & Technology (A), Science (BB) and Maths (C).

A-Levels in Design & Technology (B) and Physics (E).