

Mike Joo

Front-End Developer

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CAREER OBJECTIVE

Experienced Front-End Developer with a background in building and maintaining large-scale web applications using React and Next.js. Proficient in TypeScript, Tailwind, Bootstrap and Cypress for efficient development and testing. Experienced in customization of headless CMS for content management. Skilled in collaborating with cross-functional teams, mentoring junior developers, and participating in Agile methodologies and code reviews.

TECHNICAL SKILLSETS

Javascript, Typescript, React, Next.js, Node.js, Sanity CMS, Payload CMS, REST API, Redux | Redux Toolkit, Effector, HTML, CSS, SASS/Less, Tailwind, Material-UI, Bootstrap, Cypress, Jest, Elasticsearch, GitLab, Docker, Agile Methodology

WORK EXPERIENCE

Upwards Inc.
Software Engineer II

Los Angeles, CA (remote)
Mar 2025 - current

Software Engineer for Upwards, a technology start-up that offers the largest childcare network in the United States.

- Front-end development for both the consumer-facing site as well as the admin platform utilized by internal users
- Cross functional work with back-end developers and in-house designer for implementation of new features on both platforms
- Created proper acceptance tests using Codeception
- Optimized performance by modernizing repo to React

Tech Stack: React, Typescript, jQuery, SASS, PHP, Jenkins, Cursor

ExtraHop Inc.
Web Developer III

Seattle, WA (remote)
May 2024 – Dec 2024

Web Developer for ExtraHop, a cybersecurity company, based in Seattle, WA, that utilizes AI-based network intelligence to help organizations expose threats and security vulnerabilities, as well as network performance issues.

- Hired during the ExtraHop website migration over to Next.js and Sanity CMS
- Worked closely with designers to build pixel-perfect webpages using custom Sanity modules and modular React components
- Improved website SEO for better performance and page ranking
- Customized the Sanity CMS to provide better user experience for blog and resource creators
- Participated in cross-functional team tasked with connecting user forms to Eloqua for improved campaign tracking
- Worked with third-party vendors to provide scheduling capability for event and contact forms via Bookit
- Served as lead developer, solely responsible for all web development tasks and duties during paternity leave of coworker.
- Responsible for training contract developers on current coding standards and assigned tasks

Tech stack: React, Next.js, Sanity CMS, Tailwind, Gitlab

SparkCognition Government Systems (SGS)

Front-End Developer

Austin, TX (remote)

Mar 2023 – Feb 2024

Front-end engineer for a remote start-up that provides AI-powered software products and solutions for government and military defense. Part of the DMA (Digital Maintenance Advisor) team, a readiness solutions application used to track, provide and anticipate mission-critical F-16 data to maintainers and operators in our Armed Forces.

- Created and maintained modules within the DMA application using Typescript and React on the NextJS framework using UX designs from Figma
- Managed application state using Effector and React Hooks
- Participated in generating and maintaining e2e tests utilizing Cypress
- Created custom themes and component styling using Material-UI
- Added further customization using Payload CMS to handle user access and role permissions
- Assisted in incorporating Search UI through Elasticsearch and React Search UI components
- Participated in updating NextJS framework version from 12 to 13
- Assisted in environment updates using Argo CD
- Participated in daily MR reviews
- Participated in 2 week sprints (Agile approach) to include sprint reviews, retrospectives, planning and daily standups

Tech stack: Typescript, React, Next.js, Effector, REST API, Cypress, Docker, Material-UI, HTML, CSS, Payload CMS, Elasticsearch, Gitlab

Brighter Inc.**(Currently Cigna Digital after acquisition by Cigna Healthcare)***Senior UI Developer***Santa Monica, CA***Sep 2013 – Jul 2020*

- Initially brought on as the sole front-end developer to help build and maintain the company's flagship website and intranet sites through multiple versions and updates.
- Worked closely with the UI designer to ensure all pages were built per spec and collaborated on responsive design and layout.
- Used browser dev tools and physical devices to ensure all pages were responsive on all tablet and mobile devices.
- After the company's acquisition by Cigna Healthcare, I lead the transformation of our sites to ensure all pages were ADA & WCAG compliant (semantic labeling, color contrast, keyboard navigation, screen reader) and assisted in its documentation using Confluence.
- Participated in unit testing using Jest
- Mentored incoming junior front-end developers on current company coding standards and assisted in code review for pull requests.
- Participated in 2 week sprints (Agile approach) to include sprint reviews, retrospectives, planning and daily standups

Tech stack: HTML, CSS, SASS, Bootstrap, Javascript, React, REST API, Jest, Jira

Square One Solutions Inc.*UI Developer***Santa Monica, CA***Jun 2012 – Sep 2013*

- Collaborated in a team of 6 developers for a start-up with established clients such as DirectTV, Union Bank, Green Dot Financial and Agile Health.
- Assisted in building fully responsive pixel-perfect webpages based on PSD mocks.
- Ensured certain sites followed ADA & WCAG Compliance standards to include keyboard navigation, screen reader, and color contrast issues.
- Assisted the designer on image and graphic production utilizing Photoshop.

Tech stack: HTML, CSS, Javascript, Bootstrap, Photoshop

Internet Brands Inc.*Senior Tech Recruiter***El Segundo, CA***Feb 2010 – Jun 2012*

- Involved in full-cycle technical recruitment for all IT and web development needs for the headquarters office as well as off-site subsidiary locations. Responsible for filling tech requirements in company-owned brand sites to include CarsDirect, ApartmentRatings and WebMD to name a few.
- Sourced candidates, guiding the applicant from initial phone screen to onsite interviews, providing feedback to responsive hiring managers and VP | C-level executives and presented offers to potential employees.
- Mentored incoming recruiters for quicker wrap up time in tech recruitment.

Interests: Working out, keeping up and learning new front-end technologies, rooting for the LA Chargers and the occasional Minecraft session with friends.