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Senior Software Engineer - Frontend Platform (Remote)

at Quora

United States

[**As of June 2020, Quora has become a "remote-first" company.** This position can be performed remotely from anywhere in the world, regardless of any location that might be specified above.]

About Quora:

The vast majority of human knowledge is still not on the internet. Most of it is trapped in the form of experience in people's heads, or buried in books and papers that only experts can access. More than a billion people use the internet, yet only a tiny fraction contribute their knowledge to it. We want to democratize access to knowledge of all kinds — from politics to painting, cooking to coding, etymology to experiences — so if someone out there knows something, anyone else can learn it. Our mission is to share and grow the world's knowledge, and we're building a world-class team to help us achieve this mission.

About the Team:

Our small engineering team works on challenging problems every day. We have a culture that's rooted in constantly learning and improving, and our engineers are encouraged to think big and experiment with new ideas. Using continuous deployment, we quickly see our changes in the product and make fast iterations. Our engineers focus on creating polished products and writing high quality code by designing APIs and abstractions that are extensible and maintainable. As an engineering team, Quora also highly values development velocity, and invests heavily in improvements to tools, abstractions, and frameworks to empower developers to move faster and achieve more with a lean team. Everyone on the engineering team has a huge impact on our product and our company.

About the Role:

The Product Platform team is focused on making product developers (product engineers, designers, data scientists) more productive, by building tools, frameworks and abstractions that make developers' life easier. This team's projects range from building library of reusable UI components, improving frontend debugging tools, making code deploy faster, to optimizing site performance. Recently, this team led large-scale migration of Quora's legacy frontend system to React, GraphQL and Relay, and there is plenty of interesting and impactful challenges to improve our frontend frameworks and systems in this modern architecture.

In this role, you'll be working with other members of the team across a variety of projects to improve efficiency of product developers. You'll be working mainly with Python and Javascript, particularly with React, GraphQL and Relay.

Responsibilities

- Lead initiatives to build and maintain core UI components used by product developers at Quora.

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- Collaborate with Product Designers and fellow Software Engineers to improve quality of frontend codebase to make product developers more efficient.
- Play a major role in team planning by creating actionable plans with proper prioritization.
- Provide technical guidance and mentorship to peers, allowing team knowledge to grow.
- Understand developer pain points and common questions in frontend development, and aim to improve or answer them.

Minimum Requirements

- **Ability to be available for meetings and impromptu communication during Quora's "coordination hours" (Mon-Fri: 9am-3pm Pacific Time).** *Learn why* *here*
- 4+ years of experience working with large scale codebases and systems, particularly web applications and frontend architecture.
- 4+ years of experience building APIs that are used by large teams.
- 2+ years of experience working with React and GraphQL, or similar frameworks.
- A passion for learning and always improving yourself and the team around you
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.

Preferred Qualifications

- Experience optimizing the client-side performance of web applications
- Passion for Quora's mission and goals
- Passion for code quality and designing elegant systems.

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