Alexandra Kuksa | Front-end Developer

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Summary

I have over 7 years of experience in web development, participating in more than 100 projects of varying scales as both a front-end developer and designer. Visual aspect is important for me. I enjoy creating and bringing to life thoughtful and logical designs, and paying attention to details. When developing, I prioritize finding the most rational solutions and writing code that is scalable and easy to maintain. I highly value well-established processes and genuine feedback.

Experience

Web Developer

Sep 2022 - Present • Self-employed / Remote

- designing websites and applications
- coding website layouts, including CMS templates
- self-educating, improving JS skills, learning React and other modern technologies to move forward and grow

Middle Front-end Developer

Oct 2017 - Sep 2022 • Evernet / On-site

- participated in all stages of development on most of the projects: design, creation of templates and layout for CMS, content management, customization of modules for output of client content in the admin panel, maintenance and implementation of new features after launch
- collaborated with client's team (designers, marketing specialists)
- along with developing new projects, I completed dozens of tasks for clients on an ongoing basis every month
- performed usability audits, proposed and implemented solutions to optimise interfaces
- throughout my time at the company, I completed more than 100 projects in various B2B and B2C sectors: e-commerce, real estate, corporate websites, internal CRMs
- since 2022 I've been working mainly on projects for Bright Rich

Junior Front-end Developer + UI/UX Designer

Oct 2016 - Sep 2017 • Evernet / On-site

- after some time I took over the duties of a junior front-end developer as I had basic knowledge of HTML, CSS, jQuery
- continued designing websites
- developed responsive layouts based on my own and client's designs
- worked in a team with a back-end developer
- maintained completed projects (which included design and coding of new components, optimization of existing components, bug fixing)
- introduced modern layout standards and methodologies (flexbox and grid instead of inline-block and float, device-agnostic, progressive enhancement)

Web Designer

Feb 2016 - Sep 2016 • Evernet / On-site

- got this position with no relevant projects in portfolio thanks to the test task and motivation
- designed layouts for new websites
- performed complex and partial redesign for the ongoing clients' websites
- maintained finished projects (worked with content, made edits, improved SEO)

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Experience (continuation)

⊙ Freelance

Sep 2015 - Feb 2016 • Self-employed / Remote

- created design layouts
- practiced watchfulness in web design field
- self-studied materials and gained skills to switch from print to web design

⊙ Designer + photographer

Sep 2013 - Sep 2015 • "Open World", marketing agency / Hybrid

- after my very first interview got my very first job (in relevant field, yay!)
- created design layouts for branding tournaments, pdf-presentations for engaging new clients, promotional videos
- photographed local and international sporting events (regular and annual corporate football and volleyball tournaments, Granatkin Cup, Commonwealth Cup, FIFA World Cup 2018 preparation events, etc.).
- worked with printing companies and contractors

Hard skills

Languages and tools: HTML, CSS / SASS, JavaScript, Smarty, Eleventy, Nunjucks, Git

Libs: jQuery + plugins (Swiper, Fancybox etc.), AOS, GSAP

Design: interface prototyping, typography, UI/UX optimization

Software: Figma, Adobe XD, Photoshop, Illustrator

Currently mastering: modern Vanilla JavaScript, React

Languages

- Russian (native)
- Limited Working English

Soft skills

- I am organized and always prioritize tasks
- I admit mistakes and learn from feedback
- I enjoy teamwork and finding the best solution together
- I am also responsible and am able to make decisions on my own
- When making a decision, I am weighing different options and am able to communicate my reasoning clearly
- Empathy is my second name (while positive attitude is the third one)

Education

Bachelor's degree, Information Technology

Sep 2008 - Jun 2013 • Peter the Great St.Petersburg Polytechnic University

Studied high-level computer science and programming methods, databases, probability theory and mathematical statistics, composition fundamentals, fonts and visual communications, pre-press preparation, computer graphics, 3D modeling and animation technologies, graphic design, descriptive geometry, drawing and special graphics, environment design, artistic and creative photography

Student exchange program, Connected Environments

Feb 2012 - Jun 2012 • L'École de design Nantes Atlantique

Disciplines and projects: computer graphic 2D, 3Ds Max, Processing, visual arts, colour drawing, design competition, Chlorophylle Bio Coop Concept Store Project, French language and culture