

Benni Austin

Javascript Developer

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OBJECTIVE

I am an experienced front-end developer who has over a decade of experience working for large and small teams alike. I'm seeking a job with like-minded developers where I can be challenged as part of a real team, working to create beautiful interfaces which are a joy to use. I enjoy learning new things, and have found that teaching others is the best way to cement my own skills. My passion is creating responsive and dynamic user interfaces, and I'm looking for an employer that needs someone who can deliver CSS and Javascript magic.

SKILLS

- I love Javascript. Node, React, with or without Redux, noSQL storage, React Native, Electron or Ionic.
- Static type checking (TypeScript, Flow-Typed)
- Very familiar working within Firebase ecosystem, and would love to try other cloud-based solutions.
- Familiar with various database and storage systems including MongoDB, SQL, and indexedDB in the browser.
- Happy to use Git for version control, but am also familiar with SVN.
- I have learned to use many one-off libraries and APIs for specific projects, such as Highcharts, three.js, snap.svg, various Google products (analytics, adsense, fonts, youtube, places, etc..)
- I have the ability to pick up new technologies, libraries and API, and use them without hand-holding.
- I'm also very experienced CSS including Animations/Transitions, Responsive techniques, JSS and SCSS/LESS.
- Quick to adapt to existing standards and best practices, as well as new frameworks, libraries and modules.
- Experience developing apps across browsers, and many platforms, and learning new ones

Professional Experience

Secret Lab

(Nov 18 - Jun 2020)

Senior React Native Developer

- Full stack developer, creating a cross-platform app using React Native for the front-end, and Firebase for the back-end
- Ensured that we were writing strong, human-readable code through peer-reviews and implementing research-based standards.
- Build redux actions and reducers to ensure data in the app would stay up-to-date with the Firestore cloud to scale.
- Implemented many UI features across multiple journeys to ensure an intuitive and clean user experience.
- Integrated flow-types, and later typescript
- Created many robust and reusable components across the app to ensure consistent code.
- Utilized existing modules within the npm ecosystem where possible to reduce complexity and development time.
- Implemented jest tests, to make sure future changes don't break things.
- Provided coaching and training to junior level team members and interns.

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Trilogy Education

(Jun 18 - Dec 2018)

Teaching Assistant – Full stack coding boot-camp

- Assisted the instructor in teaching students of the Saint Paul Coding Boot Camp the fundamentals of full-stack web development. We focused primarily on the MERN stack and covered topics ranging from basic HTML and CSS, to algorithms and Database management and everything in between
- Through One-on-one and group mentoring, ensure the students have a firm understanding of the technologies and methodologies covered throughout the class.
- Created and taught extra mini-lessons on CSS after class to go over more advanced topics such as complex selectors Flex-box, transforms, transitions, keyframe animations, and SASS.

Thomson Reuters

(Aug 10 - Feb 2016)

UX Developer

- User interface developer, creating first-class web applications for business and legal professionals. Responsible for many aspects of the front end, developing in JS/CSS/HTML to implement products using technologies such as Backbone, jQuery and SCSS.
- Worked as part of an UX team, directly with Designers and IAs to produce simple solutions to complex problems, while coordinating across a large organization with multiple departments, using Agile methodologies.
- Implemented new features on existing products, and implemented a visual redesign for a very large product (Westlaw Next).
- Created more marketing sites than I can count on the Wordpress platform as part of FindLaw Media Service.

ScanCafe

(Dec 08 - Apr 2010)

Usability Consultant

- Implemented the UI for the checkout process from Photoshop comps and discussions with remote staff, built using Zend, and jQuery.
- Designed and implemented A/B and Multivariate tests to improve the site's usability and ultimately increase the website's close rate.

Digital River

(Nov 04 - Nov 2008)

Web Developer

- Created and maintained eCommerce websites for some of the worlds top companies, working primarily on the front-end, but often stepping to the JSP Struts (Netbeans) backend.
- Designed and implemented A/B and Multivariate tests in an effort to increase close rates, up-sells and other conversions.
- Created countless HTML Marketing emails.