



Front End Developer

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Profile

I'm a hard-working, self-taught front-end web developer with 6 years of experience. I build websites and web applications using HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Laravel, React, Vue, Astro, Svelte, and more. I have a keen interest in performance and accessibility, and I'm always looking to learn new things. I love to engage with a variety of new languages and frameworks, tackling fresh challenges that broadened my technical expertise and problem-solving abilities, aided by my adaptability and eagerness to learn.

When not working, I try to make the most of my free time by adventuring with my partner and 2 year old Labrador (Moose), visiting new towns and cities - either camping or glamping (mostly glamping). I enjoy visiting new countries and experiencing new cultures. More often than not, though, I can be found in one of two places - firmly seated in my living room enjoying a new box set or movie, or at my desk playing the latest video games.

Tech Stack

	PHP	Production
	JavaScript	Production
	Laravel	Production
	Vue (v2)	Production
	AlpineJS	Production
	React	Personal
	Astro	Personal
	TypeScript	Personal
	Svelte	Hobbyist

Employment

July 2022 - Present **Root Studio** Lincoln

Joining Root Studio was driven by ambition to broaden my expertise beyond solely WordPress. Shortly after my arrival, I took on significant responsibilities, including major PHP upgrades for legacy sites using Perch CMS, and developing a bespoke website using the Laravel-based CMS, Statamic. My early accomplishments in these projects were a testament to my adaptability and eagerness to learn.

Root Studio were an already well-established team with a modern approach to front end development. They primarily utilized Statamic and leveraged Webpack/Laravel Mix for their build processes, with GitHub for version control. This environment provided me with a rich learning ground. Within just a few months, I had immersed myself in a diverse range of Content Management Systems, programming languages, frameworks, and build tools, significantly expanding my technical skills.

- Maintaining a company-wide suite of frameworks and boilerplates, incorporating new modern practices and keeping dependencies up to date (such as SCSS frameworks, starter themes and tools).

- Managing and updating existing websites with new features and keeping package managers up to date.

- Responsible for performance testing and optimisation of all projects. Utilising tools such as Google Lighthouse and YellowLab to identify areas of improvement and implement updates.

July '22 - Present

Root Studio Lincoln

- Extensive knowledge of WCAG guidelines. Often in collaboration with the design team, discussing and recommending solutions to better serve the needs of all users.
 - Extensive knowledge of JavaScript frameworks such as AlpineJS, of which I extended with custom plugins and functionality to aid our development process.
 - Constant pursuit of the latest technology in Web Dev, keeping engaged with communities and signing up for newsletters.
 - Gained valuable experience in back-end principles, particularly in Laravel, contributing significantly to behind-the-scenes development.
 - Production experience within the Vue framework, for the creation of custom plugins and add-ons for Statamic CMS.
 - Responsible for creating technical documentation, including the development of a company-wide accessibility standards guide.
 - Experience managing servers via providers and services such as Linode, Forge and CPanel.
 - Adapted flexibly to the evolving needs of the business, taking on diverse projects that extended beyond my usual skill set to support company objectives.
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Sept '18 - July '22

Fenech Digital/Kappow Stamford

My primary job role at Fenech Digital/Kappow was a front-end web developer, specializing in crafting bespoke WordPress themes for a diverse clientele, from SMEs to large corporates. Collaborating closely with either our in-house designer or external agencies, I seamlessly translated designs from Sketch and Photoshop into fully responsive, accessible, and high-performing websites. My responsibilities encompassed the complete build process, including responsive design, bug fixing, QA, and post-launch adjustments.

- Development of a bespoke WordPress Framework for use by all company developers to ensure consistency across all projects.
- Custom SASS Mixins, Functions and Variables to aid in the swift development of projects.
- Custom WordPress helper functions for a more streamlined development process.
- Responsible for performance testing and optimisation of all projects. Utilising tools such as Google Lighthouse and Pingdom to identify areas of improvement and implement updates.
- Adapting to the needs of the business, including working on projects outside of my usual skillset.
- Facilitated effective communication channels between clients and the development team for improved feedback and revisions.
- Onboarding and training of new developers, ensuring they are familiar with the company development processes and standards.
- Project Management, including the creation of project plans, timelines and budgets. Assisting clients by providing technical advice and guidance.