CHRISTOPHER KSIAZAK
SOFTWARE DEVELOPER

Summary

I'm a developer born and raised in the heart of El Paso, TX. Although I grew up tinkering (and bricking) my Android phones at 13, my "tech" journey really started off at C3i Solutions handling user analytics and providing support for our client, where I worked with various teams to solve and prevent future user issues, as well as interface with vendors and maintain those relationships. During this, I wanted to be a part of the process of truly solving user issues, rather than mainly just research them.

I shortly joined a local startup, and being a part of a small team, I was able to spearhead new customer features and products to drive acquisition. Unfortunately, COVID hit and I was laid off within a few months. Luckily, I landed a contract with Patrick Thomas and Partners, which functioned as a sort of consulting position where I was able to work with clients from all over the world and design solutions for their ideas. Afterward, I was asked to rejoin E-Dealer Direct.

As I wanted to expand my horizons, I came to work for Kinsta, where I was able to learn and grow on a globally distributed team, seeing a product from the ground up, and then being transferred to a core team where I was able to lead the development of several features that are currently a cornerstone of the main product.

Employment

Kinsta
Javascript Developer July 2021 to Nov. 2023

Upon joining Kinsta, I was a part of a new internal project from beginning to fruition. Utilizing React, Node, Typescript, GraphQL, and various Google Cloud services, we were able to create something from nothing asynchronously with a global team. Within that project, I led the integration of Mixpanel for user analytics and tracking.

Afterward, I was placed on a team within the core application and microservices and quickly learned from there. Here too was mainly Typescript-oriented, but I did have the opportunity to work with Helm, Kubernetes, Prisma, and diving deep within Docker and Google Cloud functionality. My most recent accomplishment was integrating Nixpacks as an additional toolchain within our application's build system for customers, integrating with Docker, GKE, and Google Cloud Build.

As with any feature I oversaw the development of, I continued to provide support and help regarding it. Whether it be documentation, or serving as a SME for those who needed it. The company, however, decided to reduce its force, in which I took the opportunity to exit and seek new ventures.

Patrick Thomas & Partners
Software Developer (Contract Consultant) Remote
May 2020 to Feb. 2021

In my partnership with Patrick Thomas, I was the sole developer on creating a multi-tenant, distributed system using React (& React Native), GraphQL, Apollo Federation and Apollo Client, Styled Components, Typescript, Elasticsearch, and various AWS services (EC2, SQS, Lambdas). Through stake holder discussions with my client, I was able to continually provide entire solutions whether it be on the web, or through Apple/Android applications.

E-Dealer Direct
Software Engineer El Paso, TX
Mar. 2020 to Apr. 2020, July 2020 to Dec. 2021

Although not long, I joined E-Dealer Direct and served as part of the core engineering team of 3. In my time there, I contributed to stack discussions in an agile environment, created wireframes and mockups using Figma, and planned and developed new features using React, Redux, SCSS, and Ruby on Rails.

Unfortunately, due to COVID, I was part of the reduction in force for about 3 months. Afterward, I was asked to return to my position at E-Dealer Direct. While in that role, the engineering team shrunk and I took on additional responsibility and was able to lead the development and integration of a new B2B product.

I operated across both web and mobile development. My typical day-to-day technologies were React, React Native, Redux, SCSS, and Ruby on Rails. Being only one of two engineers at this time, I was able to lead the creation of a new B2B product.

Function
Co-Founder/Co-Owner El Paso, TX
June 2021 to June 2023

As a hobby and side project, along with friends, I founded and co-owned a local music venue specifically dedicated to Techno, House, and other underground music for the borderland area. Being a very different concept than anything I've ever dealt with, I learned to manage a business and deal with everything surrounding one, while growing from a small venue to one of the largest clubs in the southwest. We were able to push the local music scene further than I ever thought possible, and were able to host events that my city wouldn't normally have the opportunity to have.

In the end, it was exactly as tiring as it sounds, so we decided to end it and go our separate ways.

C3i Solutions
Project Coordinator El Paso, TX
Mar. 2017 to Mar. 2020

I worked with our client, Castlight Health, across several time zones. I assisted in transitioning our program through several of our client's product launches. My regular workload was maintaining our knowledge base with current issues, assisting in broadcasting user issues to our team, triaging bug reports to the appropriate engineering teams, and making data-driven decisions through various analytics from Salesforce and JIRA. On top of that, I maintained our client's relationship with their partner by analyzing flat files and API request issues.

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Skills

WEB DEVELOPMENT
CSS (LESS/SASS)
Javascript/Typescript
React
Redux
Node
SQL
Ruby on Rails
GraphQL
React Native
Apollo Federation
Docker
Google Cloud Platform
TDD/BDD
Kubernetes/Helm
Redis
Pub/Sub
BigQuery
Prisma

REPORTING, DOCUMENTATION, AND ANALYTICS
JIRA
Tableau
Confluence
Datadog
Salesforce
Mixpanel