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# Summary

Innovative and highly effective software engineer experienced in building rich user interfaces using modern technologies. Finds creative solutions to complex problems. Committed to minimizing technical debt and enhancing delivery speeds. Excellent communication skills and thrives in autonomous environments.

# Work Experience

## InRhythm (Consultant @ Fidelity Investments) Feb 2025 – Present

*Angular Frontend Engineer* *Remote*

Member of a “Skunkworks” team building the Discovery Protocol for Fidelity to register in-house Angular libraries into a central discovery system for company-wide code sharing.

* Developed a CLI, Node scripts, custom decorators and discovery config schemas to execute on the vision for a new way to unify thousands of developers into a single direction
* Wrote Nx apps and libraries to simulate the end-to-end workflow of authors submitting their published code to the Discovery Site
* Set examples of coding standards for the web developers across the company to help unify the developer experience across multiple teams and domains.

**Tech:** Angular, Nx, TypeScript, Node, ts-morph, HTML, SCSS, Git, Agile

## LPL Financial Nov 2021 – Dec 2024

*Senior Angular Frontend Engineer* *Remote*

Built a greenfield frontend web app called Model Hub, a client-facing investment modeling subsystem for Clientworks.

* Turned ideas into professional software, collaborated cross-functionally with various teams to build brand new features from scratch. Discussed features to build with business and users.
* Led the technical initiatives for building out the UI’s libraries, services and stores across 3 teams so that code delivery would be optimized for success as the application scaled up.

**Tech:** Angular, TypeScript, MongoDB, Node, AWS, HTML, SCSS, Tailwind, RXJS, NGRX, Jest, SQL, Git, Agile

## Credit Union of Texas Nov 2020 – Sept 2021

React Frontend Engineer *Hybrid (Allen, TX)*

Sole web developer on digital marketing team tasked with modernizing member-facing applications.

* Developed an auto loan application solution leveraging React, Node and TransUnion APIs which reduced customer input needed to 5 data points and then giving an instant credit decision.
* Migrated and re-built two high-traffic websites (cutx.org and fairlease.org) from Sitecore CMS to Banno CMS in under one year, resulting in annual savings of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

**Tech:** React, Node, Gulp, HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript, jQuery, Git, Google Cloud, Sitecore, Salesforce, Banno CMS

## Zilis April 2020 – Nov 2020

React Frontend Engineer *Remote*

First UI developer on a new team during a hyper-growth period where I built React and Wordpress sites.

* Spearheaded the development of five responsive PHP/MySQL WordPress websites and custom plugins, achieving international launch readiness within six months.
* Created, enhanced, and maintained core customer-facing apps built in React, including the primary Enrollment application which saw user growth of over 250% during my employment.

**Tech:** React, JavaScript/TypeScript, Wordpress, PHP, MySQL, Shopify, AWS, Azure DevOps, DigitalOcean

## Self-Employed Jan 2018 – April 2020

Full Stack Engineer *Fort Worth, TX*

Provided full-service web agency services to local business owners to expand their online presence.

* Designed, developed and delivered marketing websites built in Wordpress with custom PHP templates.

**Tech:** Wordpress, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, jQuery, PHP, MySQL, Adobe Illustrator, Apache, Siteground, BrowserStack

# Projects

## LightningLearn | [lightninglearn.ai](https://lightninglearn.ai) Mar 2025 – Present

* New education platform I am building in public to learn anything fast using my LightningLearn method.

## Personal Portfolio | [alexcrist.com](https://alexcrist.com) Oct 2024 – Present

* Fun yet professional website I built from scratch (no themes or templates) to showcase my frontend skills.

## Nsight Chat | [nsight.chat](https://nsight.chat) Nov 2023

* AI project I built with my meditation coach using OpenAI APIs streaming completions and custom prompts.

## Growing Zone Finder | [growzone.surge.sh](https://growzone.surge.sh) Sept 2021

* App for gardeners to find their USDA growing zone by zip code to optimize their plant yields and get other tips.

# Skills

**Programming Languages:** JavaScript, TypeScript, Python, PHP, some C#

**Web Technologies:** Semantic HTML, CSS, SASS, SCSS, AJAX, JSON, I18N

**Frameworks & Libraries:** Angular 19, React, MEAN, MERN, NextJS, Node, Tailwind, Bootstrap, jQuery

**Operating Systems:** Windows, Mac, Linux, WSL, Raspberry Pi

**Testing and Debugging:** Jest, Cypress, Playwright, Chrome DevTools, test-driven development (TDD), end to end (E2E)

**Database:** PostgreSQL, MySQL, MongoDB, Firebase, Supabase, backend

**API & Cloud Computing:** RESTful, GraphQL, Express, Websockets, edge functions, AWS, Salesforce, Zapier

**CI/CD:** GitHub Actions, Azure DevOps, TeamCity, Octopus, Jenkins

**Hosting & Web Servers:** Heroku, Vercel, Netlify, DigitalOcean, WP Engine, Siteground, Apache, Nginx, IIS

**Web Servers:** **Build Tools:** Vite, Webpack, Gulp, Grunt, Docker, Docker Compose, Babel, Artifactory

**AI (Artificial Intelligence):** OpenAI, Anthropic, HuggingFace, LM Studio, Copilot, GPT Engineer, Cline, Cursor

**Design:** Figma, Sketch, Invision, UI/UX, atomic design theory, mobile-first theory, BEM

**Project Management:** Agile, SAFe Agile, Scaled Agile, Jira, Azure Boards, Kanban, ClickUp, Linear

**Other:** RXJS, NGRX, Shadcn, Radix, Redux, Material UI, Markdown, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator

# Education

## Tarrant County College

Computer Science