Dani Akabani - Staff Frontend Engineer

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Staff Frontend Engineer **(8+ yrs)** who scales web platforms that directly move revenue, performance, and engineering velocity. **Design systems owner driving 85%+ cross-team adoption, 90%↓ visual defects, and 4× faster UI delivery loops**. Hands-on technical leader and engineering communicator aligning frontend architecture to measurable business impact.

Core Technical Skills:

- **Frontend Architecture:** Next.js, React, TypeScript, Microfrontends, SSR/SSG
- **Systems Design:** Design Systems, UI Platforms, Cross-team Architecture, Monorepos
- **Performance:** Lighthouse, bundle optimization, runtime efficiency, Web Vitals optimization (LCP, CLS, INP)
- **Leadership**: Technical strategy, alignment across squads, mentorship, engineering culture
- **DX & Tooling**: Storybook, CI/CD, Playwright, design system governance
- **Bonus**: Node.js, NestJS, PostgreSQL, AWS, Kubernetes

Professional Experience:

Zapp Technology — Engineering manager - Sydney, Australia (Remote Contract) | Jun 2025 – Present
Technical lead owning architecture, frontend foundations, and early product direction.

- Architected the initial Next.js frontend platform, API contract layer, and customer dashboard for MVP launch.
- Built TypeScript/Next.js/Fastify/Prisma MVP, reducing validation cycles **14 days → 3 days (4× faster)** and enabling on-schedule launch.
- Delivered end-to-end Stripe integration with typed API contracts, fallback states, and secure checkout flows (**100% MVP payment processing**).
- Introduced component RFCs + prototype benchmarking, cutting decision latency **40%+** and collaboration friction **35%+**.

Gen Digital — Technical Lead Frontend Engineer (Fintech) - New York, USA (Remote) | Dec 2022 – May 2025
Led frontend architecture across multiple squads for the fintech marketplace division.

- Led consolidation of **6+ apps → 1 unified Next.js platform in 12 months**, removing **30–45% duplicated business logic**.
- Optimized JS execution **35–40%**, improving **LCP 3.8s → 1.9s (50%↓)** and **CLS 0.28 → 0.05 (82%↓)**.
- Built and scaled **MLDS Design System (120+ components)**, achieving **85%+ adoption (10+ teams, 6 months)**, reducing UI defects **90%↓**, and accelerating delivery cycles **40% faster**.
- Rebuilt CI/CD (GitHub Actions, Docker, Kubernetes, Turborepo), reducing **CI build time 18m → 6m (66%↓)** and **deploy execution 12m → 4.5m (62%↓)** with **99.8% success rate**.
- Implemented deployment safeguards and E2E checkout coverage, improving marketplace success **22% → 95%**, generating **USD 8M+ incremental quarterly revenue**.
- Built and led a frontend chapter (**13 engineers**), formalized career leveling, drove **3× YoY promotions**, and maintained **98% retention**.

Socar Mobility/Trevo — Lead Frontend Engineer — Kuala Lumpur (Remote) | Feb 2021 – Nov 2022
Chapter Lead overseeing UI architecture, engineering standards, mentorship, and cross-team technical maturity.

- Designed **Micro-Frontend UI Platform**, enabling independent deployments and increasing release frequency **1/week → 3+/week** with **0 rollback volatility increase**.
- Built insurance checkout funnel + premium calculator (React + frontend-owned NestJS/Prisma APIs) generating **1.2M MYR/quarter**, reducing error states **31%↓**, and lifting conversions **27%↑**.
- Re-platformed internal dashboards + Trevo Design System (TDS), reducing analytics time **60%↓** and UI cycle latency **45%↓**.
- Owned hiring + onboarding, accelerating ramp-up **90 days → 32 days (2.8× faster)**.
- Led Indonesia launch-critical UI foundations, contributing **3.2M MYR (2022 revenue)** and improving flow completion **30%+**.

The Access Group – Full Stack Software Engineer - Manchester, UK (Remote) | Dec 2017 – Jan 2021

- Delivered **70+ client SaaS recruitment sites** on a shared React platform, sustaining **99.9% uptime** and generating **€100K+ quarterly revenue**.
- Built **Volcanic Internal Design System (90+ components)**, reducing UI inconsistencies **88%↓** and dashboard delivery cycles **50% faster**.
- Engineered AWS Lambda + Node.js auth microservices, reducing auth latency **41%↓** while maintaining **zero service downtime**.
- Owned infra-integrated frontend deploy workflows, shipping **15–20 releases/month with 0 downtime SLAs**.

EDUCATION

Limkokwing University of Creative Technology
Master of Business Administration (MBA) in General Management (Part-Time) — Expected 2027

Limkokwing University of Creative Technology
BSc (Hons) Software Engineering with Multimedia — 2014–2017
GPA: 3.94/4

CERTIFICATIONS & TRAINING

- **MBA Foundations Course** – Udemy, 2023
- **Certified Agile Scrum Manager** – Udemy, 2023
- **AWS Certified Developer Associat**e – Amazon Web Services via Udemy, 2024
- **Certified Web Security Professional** – Udemy, 2024
- **Management & Leadership Training** – Udemy, 2024–2025

LANGUAGES

- **Arabic**: Native
- **English**: Full professional proficiency (IELTS 8.0)
- **French**: Full professional proficiency (DELF B2 – 80/100)