# Dusty McCord

**Senior Frontend Engineer** | Portland, OR

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## Summary

Frontend engineer with 5+ years building performant, accessible React applications in TypeScript. Track record of owning features end-to-end, leading major migrations, and shipping greenfield projects from planning through production. Strong advocate for testing, code quality, and developer experience. Mentored developers as team scaled from 7 to 40+. Customer-focused with a bias toward simplicity. Prior career in video production honed stakeholder collaboration and attention to craft.

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## Skills

**Languages:** TypeScript, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, Sass
**Frameworks:** React.js, Next.js, Node.js, Chakra UI, shadcn/ui, SSR
**Testing:** Playwright, Jest, Vitest, Cypress, Storybook
**State & Data:** Redux, Zustand, React Query, GraphQL, Apollo, gRPC, Protobuf
**Tools:** Vite, Webpack, LaunchDarkly, Sentry, Datadog, Figma, CI/CD
**AI Development:** Claude Code, AI-assisted workflows

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## Experience

### Frontend Engineer | Apex Fintech Solutions

**Nov 2020 – Present** | Portland, OR (Remote/Hybrid)

- Led 3 major migrations serving 80,000 daily users: Angular → React, REST → gRPC-backed GraphQL, Redux → modern state patterns
- Shipped multiple greenfield projects end-to-end, from planning through production launch

- Established E2E testing with Cypress where none existed; migrated to Playwright; unit testing from Jest to Vitest
- Developed component libraries and maintained design system consistency across applications
- Collaborated with designers and product owners to translate requirements into scalable, accessible UI
- Updated and maintained login patterns for Okta and Cognito authentication flows
- Built internal tooling—testing infrastructure, dev workflow automation, deployment POCs via hackathons
- Mentored developers and created onboarding documentation as team scaled from 7 to 40+
- Use AI-enabled development tools (Claude Code) daily to accelerate feature development and testing

## Freelance Frontend Developer | PICA (Portland Institute for Contemporary Art)

**Summer 2023** | Portland, OR

- Collaborated with designer and client to rebuild shopping cart and ticket purchasing experience, migrating from iframe to custom API-driven solution

## Front End Shopify Developer | Comic Cave PDX

**Sep 2020 – Nov 2020** | Portland, OR

- Built digital storefront for independent retailer—requirements, MVP, custom Liquid/SCSS/JS, client training

## Front End Developer Intern | Theorem Agency

**Jun 2020 – Sep 2020** | Portland, OR

- Built React dashboards and live game stats pages for Portland Trail Blazers; implemented Redux state management

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# Personal Projects

**Agile Poker** ([poker.dustatron.com](poker.dustatron.com)) – Real-time voting app for sprint planning. Teams point tickets collaboratively with live sync. Adopted by my team at Apex for actual sprint ceremonies.

**Dungeon Exchange** ([sd.dustatron.com](sd.dustatron.com)) – Full-stack React app for tabletop RPG game masters. Search/share content, save favorites, build custom lists. Supabase backend.

## Community

- **Neighborhood Associations** – Web support, maintenance, technical guidance

## Prior Career

**Video Editor & Motion Designer** | 2004 – 2019

10+ years delivering video and motion graphics for Nike, Amazon, Cartoon Network, Adidas, and other major brands. Managed freelancer teams and collaborated directly with stakeholders to ship high-quality content on tight deadlines. This background built strong instincts for cross-functional collaboration, user empathy, and attention to detail.

## Education

**Epicodus** | Full-Stack Development | 2020
**The Evergreen State College** | Media Studies | 2001 – 2003