

# Dara Yazdani

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Full-stack JavaScript engineer with 12 years prior experience as a speech-language pathologist and theater professional. Motivated to use my unique background to create accessible software that meets diverse user needs.

## SKILLS

**Advanced (★★★★★):** JavaScript, TypeScript, React, HTML, CSS, Git, GitHub, MUI, Chakra UI, Mantine UI

**Proficient (★★★★☆):** PostgreSQL, Node, Express, Redux, RTK, Prisma, Vitest, Jest, RESTful API, Figma, Postman

**Familiar (★★★☆☆):** React Native, Expo, Python, FastAPI, GraphQL, AWS, Jira, Docker, GitHub Actions, GitLab

## EXPERIENCE

### Software Engineer at Splash Technologies, Remote

2024 - Present

- Re-architected front-end of web and mobile applications using React, React Native, TypeScript, and Mantine UI.
- Delivered 5 iterations of web app front-end, meeting product and design specifications 17% ahead of schedule.
- Built features such as tailored responsive design, user registration (integrated with FastAPI Python backend), CSS scroll snap, and React Native animations, each completed in 1-week.
- Improved first and largest contentful paint by 30% by implementing responsive images and converting files to WebP.
- Executed semantic refactoring of React code base to improve accessibility and SEO metrics by 15%.

### Software Engineering Training Sabbatical, Remote

2023 - 2024

- Received weekly code/architecture review and career mentorship from 2 ex-Facebook senior software engineers.
- Created and completed 2 full-stack, 7 front-end, and 2 back-end applications, and 3 static websites, with code review from mentors (collaborated on 4 of these projects with another engineer); average completion time: 15 days.
- Capstone project - created design documents, wireframes, received architecture review from mentors, and fully implemented a full-stack web app in 2.5 months.
- Competed in 2 React Jam hackathons, one independently, one with a team of 3 engineers.

### Intentional Career Break; Full-Time Dad

2021 - 2022

- Career hiatus to raise two children and support wife's career.

### Speech-Language Pathologist at Allina Health, St. Paul, MN

2018 - 2021

- Championed integration of 5+ user-facing tablet/mobile applications into speech therapy sessions, increasing patient accuracy with therapy tasks by 40% and facilitating therapy goals being met 25% faster.
- Led community outreach initiative; department patient caseload grew by >12%

### Actor, Director, and Voice Coach, SF Bay Area/NYC/Baltimore/D.C.

2009 - 2015

- Managed teams of 15+ actors, designers, and technicians for 5 professional theatrical productions.
- Performed in 20+ professional film/TV/theater productions.

## PROJECTS

### Trac: Goal-Tracking App | <https://trac-kl33.onrender.com> | <https://github.com/dyazdani/trac>

Dec 2023 - Mar 2024

Responsive full-stack app for tracking goals and updating friends on progress; Led team of 2 engineers. / Typescript, React, HTML/CSS, Node, Express, PostgreSQL, Redux, RTK Query, Prisma, Chakra UI

### Avocado UI: React Component Library | <https://bit.ly/avocadouui> | <https://github.com/dyazdani/avocado-ui>

May - July 2023

A React form component library for web; Sole engineer. / JavaScript, Typescript, React, HTML/CSS, Storybook

## EDUCATION

### Intensive Software Engineering Training

2023 - 2024

Curriculum curated by 2 ex-Meta senior software engineer mentors.

Remote

- 1-on-1 lessons in full-stack web development, software engineering, and computer science fundamentals.
- MDN Learn (HTML, CSS, JS), 4 Codecademy certificates, freeCodeCamp.org certificate in Responsive Design.

### The George Washington University (GPA 3.9, summa cum laude)

2015 - 2018

Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology

Washington, D.C.

### American Repertory Theater Institute at Harvard University

2011 - 2013

Master of Fine Arts in Acting

Cambridge, MA

### San Francisco State University (GPA 3.99, summa cum laude)

2007 - 2010

Bachelor of Arts in Drama

San Francisco, CA