Nick Garbalau, Frontend Engineer

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Summary

I am a frontend engineer with almost 5 years of experience. I worked in different domains, like e-commerce, news, finance, insurance, healthcare and more. Mainly, I am focused on UI, however, I have proven experience with building back-end services with Node.js. I have worked with different JavaScript frameworks, but decided to concentrate on React and its ecosystem, however always ready to learn more.

I am looking for growth opportunities and a place to share knowledge. My education and related experience allows me to be an effective manager, make plans and take care of non-technical product requirements.

I like to build products with performance, scalability and maintainability in mind. Also, I prefer openness and flexibility, because we all know how quick conditions can change.

Experience

Endava, https://www.linkedin.com/company/endava

Mar 2022 - Present (1 yr 1 mos)

- Communicated closely with the PM to increase team productivity
- Used Storybook to build components in isolation
- Participated in integration of React Query into the application
- Experience with TDD and Unit Testing

3Pillar Global, https://www.linkedin.com/company/3pillar-global/

Aug 2021 - Mar 2022 (8 mos)

- Used React & TypeScript to build new features and improve existing ones
- Got familiar with Docker and Microservices architecture
- Tweaked REST APIs on Node.js & Express
- · Briefly used AWS services for application purposes

Est Computer, https://www.linkedin.com/company/est-computer/

Jan 2021 - Aug 2021 (8 mos)

- · Built dashboard with Angular & TypeScript
- · Reduced development time by creating a library of reusable components
- Participated in writing Wiki for the project
- Regular experience in Code Reviews & Pair Programming

USA Link System, https://www.linkedin.com/company/usalinksystem/

Dec 2018 - Jan 2021 (2 yr, 2 mos)

- · Performed in multiple simultaneous projects of diverse complexity
- Updated JavaScript codebase from ES5 to ES6+ standard
- Improved website performance up to 40% using optimization techniques
- · Mentored two interns on my team by teaching them front-end development

Hard Skills

5+ years of experience in front-end development

2+ years of experience with React and its ecosystem

Experience in designing front-end architecture

Experience in writing type-safe apps with TypeScript

State Management with Redux Toolkit or Zustand

Built and maintained REST APIs with Node.js

Built lots of UI with HTML, SCSS, styled-components

Have brief practice in TDD and Unit Testing

SSR with Next.js

Familiarity with Docker

Familiarity with Microservices architecture

Familiarity with NoSQL Databases

Familiarity with CI / CD Pipelines

Familiarity with GraphQL

Soft Skills

Able to mentor and monitor junior developers or other colleagues

Experience in collaborating closely with engineers and managers in a cross-functional team

Experienced in constant product improvement, best practices and original solutions

Understand importance of life-long self-learning

Higher Education

The Alecu Russo State University, https://usarb.md/

Sep 2017 - Jun 2020

Bacher of Business Administration (BBA)