

Howard Jess

Web Application UI/UX Developer

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Brief

I really enjoy working in a small collaborative team environment; after many experiences in desktop applications, system programming, and networking infrastructure, I settled into web application UI development as an interesting intersection of them all. I'm especially interested in user experience, elegant design, and accessibility.

Capabilities

- In-depth understanding of Javascript, HTML and CSS, and experienced with several UI frameworks and toolchains.
- At ease working as part of a team or as an individual contributor.
- Experience in traditional commercial software development as well as web applications.

Experience

Trupanion

Front-end Web Application Developer

April 2017 → present

Javascript, Typescript, SCSS, CSS, HTML, Razor (C# templates), ASP.Net, Git

Projects

- Member Portal: provides customer access to their account. VanillaJS/Typescript/jQuery, Sass
- Website 3.0: main public-facing website; part of a rewrite team. VanillaJS/jQuery, Sass, Sitecore
- VetPortal (aka Trupanion Express): veterinary hospital software. Full rewrite from VanillaJS/jQuery/KnockoutJS to VueJS
- Hospital Management Tool: internal support for VetPortal. Vue.js, Element.io
- Partner Portal: allows State Farm agents to create & manage their portfolio of Trupanion policies. VueJS
- Agent Reassignment Tool: allow State Farm managers to manage policy re-distribution among agents. VueJS

Navigating Cancer (contract position)

Front-end Web Application Developer

June 2016 → February 2017

Bootstrap, Coffeescript, BackboneJS, HAML, JSON Schema, JSON Editor, Mocha, Ruby on Rails, SASS

Developer for Navigating Cancer's suite of Patient Care Management software, dedicated to improving and streamlining the relationship and care experience for cancer patients and oncology clinics. Achievements and projects completed include:

- Complex Triage Pathways: implemented a set of JSON Schema+JSON Editor-based dynamic forms to standardize symptom data recording for cancer patients
- Living Style Guide: continued work to maintain and upgrade the development group's style and component library

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Rosetta Stone (after April 2013 Livemocha aquisition)

Front-end Web Application Developer

November 2012 → April 2016

AngularJS, CouchDB, HTML, Javascript, Mixpanel, SCSS, Sproutcore

Developer for Rosetta Stone's [Advanced English for Business](#) language-learning application, and [Livemocha](#), a social community-based language-learning application. Achievements and projects completed include:

- Password reset/recovery
- User profile management
- Partner connections
- Analytics, using [Mixpanel Analytics](#)
- System rewrite from [Sproutcore](#) to [AngularJS](#).

Optify, Inc.

Front-end Software Engineer

September 2011 → October 2012

BackboneJS, HTML, Javascript, LESS, Mixpanel

UI developer for Optify's *Inbound Marketing* software suite, a [SAAS](#) tool for B2B marketers. Achievements and projects completed include:

- Customer site "Landing Page" editor/publisher
- Contact Manager & Email Manager tools
- Analytics, using [Mixpanel Analytics](#)
- Rewrote UI coding standards document, and overhauled the Javascript library namespace

Cobalt.com, Inc.

Senior UI Developer

September 2009 → September 2011

Lead UI developer on Cobalt's *New Products* team, charged with creating and delivering innovative website products for sale to auto manufacturers and dealers. Achievements and projects completed include:

- Embedded [Google maps](#) for location pages
- [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) publishing and [feed](#) widgets
- Embedded [YouTube](#) player/playlist handler
- Initial implementation of front-end unit testing using [jstestdriver](#)

Wetpaint.com, Inc.

UI Web Developer

September 2008 → July 2009

UI developer for Wetpaint's "build your own wiki" system. Achievements and projects completed include:

- Enhanced messaging forum system
- Access to PayPal's [recurring billing](#) system
- User authentication using [Facebook Connect](#)
- Conversion from home-grown library to [jQuery](#)

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Cardomain Networks, Inc.

Web Developer

September 2006 → September 2008

Front-end specialist for Cardomain's "facebook for car enthusiasts" applications. Achievements and projects completed include:

- Homepage and navigation overhaul, with complete site re-layout for uniform ad placements, using Perl/[TTK](#)
- Member group subsystem, using [Ruby on Rails](#)
- Immersed in all aspects of [Agile development](#), including story estimation, pair programming, [TDD](#), sprint demos, and frequent releases

Skills

Tools:

[Bourne shell](#), [GIMP](#), [Git](#), [VIM](#)

Languages:

[Javascript](#), [Typescript](#), [HTML](#), [CSS](#) ([Less](#), [SASS/SCSS](#)), [TCL](#), [C](#)

Systems:

[Linux](#), [Unix](#), [Mac OS/X](#), [Windows](#)

Technologies:

[VueJS](#), [DOM](#), [HTTP](#), [i18n/l10n](#), [jQuery](#), [MVC](#), [REST](#), [TCP/IP](#),

Development:

[Agile](#), [Scrum](#), [Kanban](#)

Education

Northwestern University

B.A., Economics