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# Chris Holder

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I'm a software engineer with over 6 years of experience working primarily on the web. I build full-stack applications with a focus on the front-end. I'm particularly strong in building, documenting, and maintaining front-end libraries and the infrastructure to support them.

## Technologies and Languages

- **Languages:**  JavaScript, TypeScript, CSS, HTML, Rust, Python, Ruby

- **Technologies:**  React, Vue.js, TailwindCSS, Next.js, Gatsby.js, Vite, Webpack, Jest, GraphQL, Docker, AWS, Git

- **Other Expertise:**  Front-end library development & maintenance, design systems implementation, web accessibility standards (WCAG)

## Work Experience

**Software Engineer**          **Automattic**          **September 2024 - April 2025**
                                        Remote                  Impacted by company layoff

- Developed an admin dashboard widget (React/PHP), providing users with visualizations of their newsletter subscriber trends, increasing user adoption of the feature.

- Implemented a full-stack redesign of WordPress.com's content discovery application (React, Redux, SCSS, PHP), improving application performance with a load time reduction of 3 seconds and increasing daily active users.

- Resolved 15+ critical bugs within Jetpack's Subscriptions feature (React/PHP), enhancing product stability and polish ahead of a large marketing campaign for the product.

**Software Engineer III**          **Ramsey Solutions**          **May 2022 - September 2024**
                                        Franklin, TN

- Developed infrastructure, documentation, and web Software Development Kits (SDKs) (React, Vue, Ruby, Java) for an in-house design system; unified product branding, saved engineers/designers 4+ hours weekly, and generated $1M in attributed annual revenue.

- Built and maintained JavaScript/TypeScript infrastructure, including NodeJS images and GitLab Pipeline templates, streamlining new project start-up processes across the organization.

- Led a 3-engineer team through strategy, implementation, and deployment of the Ramsey Solutions Store front-end migration, delivering the project on time and within budget.

- Delivered 8+ technical workshops to 50+ engineers on advanced JavaScript and design patterns, enhancing organizational web development capabilities.

**Software Engineer II**                    **Ramsey Solutions**                    **May 2020 - May 2022**
                                                     Franklin, TN

- Developed front-end components for the CMS powering ramseysolutions.com, enabling marketers and content authors to build consistent, engaging experiences for millions of users without relying on engineers.

- Modernized the front-end asset pipeline and tooling for the online storefront, bolstering deployment and code quality confidence.

**Front-End Developer**                    **Techlink Solutions**                    **December 2017 - May 2020**
                                                     Asheville, NC

- Developed a Single-Page Application (SPA) using Vue.js enabling customers to manage multi-vendor hardware via one dashboard; contributed to a 5% client customer base growth in its launch year.

- Designed and developed the front-end (Twig, Vue.js, Bootstrap) for a Symfony application connecting construction job seekers and employers, successfully launching the client's new business initiative.

## Projects

- **Inview Media:** A video-focused site migrated from Joomla to a site using Gatsby.js and Sanity as the headless CMS. To avoid high storage costs, I moved all video hosting to AWS S3 and implemented a custom integration with the Sanity CMS. This provided the client with an inexpensive site to host with an efficient storage solution for their video content.
- **Lotz Roofing:** A Next.js marketing site using TypeScript, TailwindCSS, and Sanity CMS that gave the client's business an online presence and an easy way to collect leads.

## Education

**BSc. in History**, Montreat College, *Summa cum laude*                    **2011-2014**