Joe Kent

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I'm a software engineer concentrated on frontend web development. I take pride in looking at my work beyond code, through the lens of design, ux, and modern day culture.

Over the course of my career, I've been fortunate to be apart of many teams that were building tools to advocate for social or political change.

Experience

Senior UI Engineer at Blue State Digital from March 2018 to present

- * Spearheaded frontend development of a new client-facing application to retire a legacy tool.
- * Mentored junior developers and provided guidance on Javascript patterns across teams.
- * Started an internal initiative to build and maintain a Design Language System. Created a custom, nuanced architecture and supporting documentation system.
- * Led the frontend development to build a new set of fundraising components that BSD clients can use in their digital campaigns.

Freelance Fullstack Engineer & Product Manager at Let America Vote from July 2017 to Summer 2018

- * Designed a national voter registration user experience targeted at high school graduates. Additionally concentrated on overall visual design and UI implementation.
- * Developed an API for tracking which high schools had the most students registered to vote.
- * Designed an event platform allowing activists to sign up for local house parties. In addition to UX, I contributed on site copy and implemented the UI.
- * Wrote backend API's that integrated numerous third party services such as Contentful, Algolia and Rock The Vote.

Software Engineer at **DoSomething.org** from January 2017 to January 2018

- * Rebuilt the organizations digital campaigns platform alongside a small agile team.
- * Frequently involved in discussions with members of the product team on roadmap and feature experimentation.

Junior Software Engineer at DoSomething.org from July 2015 to January 2017

- * Contributed to various initiatives across the organization such as internationalization of the campaigns website, chatbots and other internal micro-services.
- * Responsible for preparation, maintenance and live directing A/V for bi-annual organization events.

Web Developer Intern at DoSomething.org from July 2014 to July 2015

* Created a real time dashboard showcasing user events for the office lobby.

Conference Talks

404 Fire Alarm Not Found at EmpireJS on September 20th, 2018

A satirical presentation for developers on the fundamentals of design and examples of public safety systems completely ignoring those rules.