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Skills Summary

Technology:

React, TypeScript, JavaScript, CSS, HTML, TailwindCSS, AlpineJS, NodeJS, PHP, Laravel/Blade, Git, GraphQL, NX, NextJS, GatsbyJS, Redux Toolkit, Apollo, Styled Components, Material UI, React Testing Library, Jest, Storybook, WordPress Development, Contentful CMS, Headless CMS, CI/CD, Mixpanel, LaunchDarkly, Scrum, Agile

Soft Skills:

Leadership, Collaboration, Public Speaking, Management, Problem-solving, Empathy, Tenacity

Relevant Work Experience

Senior Software Engineer II / Frontend Tech Lead - Chesapeake Technology International

12/2024 - Present

Skills Utilized: React, Typescript, CSS, Apollo, GraphQL, Styled Components, TailwindCSS, Jest, React Testing Library, Material UI, Storybook, Docker, Redux Toolkit, Redux, NX, Keycloak, Figma

- Establish and champion the standards for the Frontend team
- Collaborate with user experience experts to ensure user interfaces are logical and beautiful
- Break up large, client-driven epics into user-stories, tasks and sub-tasks
- Assign tickets to Frontend team members
- Provide updates on progress to leadership
- Assist team members troubleshoot technical implementation issues
- Develop features and product enhancements

Senior Software Engineer - Chesapeake Technology International

1/2024 - 12/2024

Skills Utilized: React, Typescript, CSS, Apollo, GraphQL, Styled Components, TailwindCSS, Jest, React Testing Library, Material UI, Storybook, Docker, Redux Toolkit, Redux, NX, Keycloak

- Make recommendations on toolchain improvements and efficiencies.
- Collaborate with cross-functional teams to define, design, and ship new features
- Work with outside data sources and API
- Unit-test code for robustness, including edge cases, usability, and general reliability
- Work on bug fixing and improving application performance
- Continuously discover, evaluate, and implement new technologies to maximize development efficiency
- Participate in program increment (PI) cycle, including planning of sprint tasks and participation in all Agile development ceremonies while ensuring all developmental blockers are documented

and reported

Senior Frontend Engineer - Owl Labs

3/2022 - 9/2023

Skills Utilized: React, React Testing Library, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, TailwindCSS, Storybook, TypeScript, NodeJS, Contentful CMS, Mixpanel, LaunchDarkly, NPM, Yarn, Agile, Scrum, Collaboration

- Spearheaded the development, implementation, and ongoing maintenance of the Owl-UI design system built with TailwindCSS and JavaScript, leading to a substantial increase in prototyping speed for all team members and fostering brand consistency.
- Executed a comprehensive refactoring of the Owl-UI component library, built with React and Storybook optimizing its alignment with the Owl-UI design system, resulting in increased efficiency and usability.
- Successfully integrated the Owl-UI design system and component library into the Nest, a prominent SaaS product created by Owl Labs with React, showcasing a seamless transition and adaptation of design elements.
- Drove major innovations in the Room-Designer application, built with React and JavaScript, ultimately securing victory in the Owl Labs 2023 Hack-a-thon, highlighting a knack for creative problem-solving and excellence in development.
- Displayed mastery in writing self-documenting code and creating robust unit tests with React Testing Library for the Nest, reinforcing a commitment to code quality and reliability.
- Designed and executed the overhaul of the primary navigation feature within the Nest using React and JavaScript implementing it via a Launch Darkly feature flag for seamless quality assurance testing within a production environment, emphasizing a strategic approach to development.
- Engineered a user-friendly login experience for the Nest, using React and JavaScript and leveraging AWS Cognito, to streamline login, forgot password, and sign-up processes, prioritizing an intuitive user journey.
- Pioneered the redesign of the Nest's Dashboard using React and JavaScript, enabling in-production quality assurance testing through a Launch Darkly feature flag, ensuring a seamless and reliable user experience.
- Advocated for and implemented integration of the Contentful CMS into the Nest. This included building components for announcements, banners, and maintenance mode. This work allowed non-technical product managers to make critical, timely updates to content in the Nest without engineering oversight, code changes, or deployments.
- Actively participated in rigorous code reviews of React, JavaScript and TypeScript code, with the frontend team, assuring the codebase consistently met agreed-upon standards and best practices, fostering a culture of quality assurance.
- Championed accessibility initiatives for the Nest by enhancing primary navigation and other elements to ensure complete keyboard and screen reader navigation, emphasizing inclusivity and user-centered design principles.
- Offered mentorship and guidance to junior developers and interns.

Frontend Developer - Northeastern University

10/2018 - 3/2022

Skills Utilized: JavaScript, HTML, CSS, TailwindCSS, Laravel/Blade, WordPress, Contentful, Git, Storybook, PHP, NPM, Composer, Yarn, GitHub, Agile

- Developed and meticulously maintained websites utilizing a diverse range of cutting-edge technologies, including Laravel Blade, JavaScript, SCSS, Angular, and React highlighting a versatile skill set and adaptability.
- Actively engaged in rigorous code reviews to uphold team standards, ensuring code quality and best practices were consistently adhered to.
- Made substantial contributions to the evolution of the Kernl-UI design system, built with TailwindCSS and JavaScript demonstrating a commitment to design excellence and innovation.
- Played a pivotal role in the creation and evolution of the Kernl-UI-Blade library of Laravel Blade components, showcasing expertise in front-end development and design system integration.
- Spearheaded the project to create companion component library of Kernl-UI-React components using React and Storybook.
- Demonstrated skill and expertise by successfully crafting the Kernl-theme WordPress theme, seamlessly integrating Kernl-UI, Kernl-UI-Blade, and Sage, and utilizing JavaScript, PHP, Laravel Blade, AlpineJS, and TailwindCSS.
- Built features into the Program Information Management system headless CMS, and integrated its content into the NU Graduate site.
- Built React single page calendar application leveraging Contentful CMS and Kernl-UI design system.
- Collaborated closely with the development team to enhance user experiences on our websites through a continuous cycle of iterative improvements, emphasizing a customer-focused approach.
- Effectively managed and maintained development and staging servers, ensuring a stable and secure development environment.
- Effectively mentored junior developers, interns and part-time staff.
- Provided valuable guidance on development practices for web applications and web infrastructure, contributing to a culture of best practices and knowledge sharing.
- Strategically planned and executed tasks in response to changes in infrastructure and vendor application support, showcasing adaptability and forward-thinking.
- Implemented efficient CI/CD deployments using Github Actions, streamlining the development process and ensuring code quality and reliability.

Web Developer | Contract - WGBH / PBS FRONTLINE

3/2020 - 3/2022

Skills Utilized: React, GatsbyJS, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, PHP, Headless CMS, WordPress

- Built the interactive website for "Un(re)solved," an Emmy Award-winning multimedia project using GatsbyJS, SCSS, and headless WordPress, showcasing strong project management and development skills.
- Contributed to the continuous improvement and innovation of Frontline's award-winning website by developing key features and enhancements using PHP, SCSS and JavaScript, underscoring a commitment to excellence and ongoing skill development.

- Crafted project-specific standalone websites using GatsbyJS, SCSS and headless WordPress, effectively meeting unique demands and demonstrating adaptability and a solution-oriented approach to web development.

Web Developer - University of Florida

3/2014 - 10/2018

Skills Utilized: JavaScript, HTML, CSS, PHP, WordPress

- Led website development and maintenance projects for UF Human Resources and the office of the CFO using JavaScript, PHP, WordPress and CSS, demonstrating accountability and reliability in delivering web solutions for key university departments.
- Spearheaded the development and deployment of a custom UF-News WordPress theme using PHP, JavaScript, WordPress, and Bootstrap, showcasing technical prowess and a deep understanding of web development.
- Innovatively designed and implemented a user-friendly "job board" using JavaScript that efficiently collected and displayed data from Interfolio, a faculty-recruitment tool, streamlining the hiring process for academic personnel.
- Led the redesign and relaunch of the UF Law website, leveraging a custom-built WordPress theme.
- Managed one full-time employee, two part-time employees and several interns.
- Consistently developed and maintained a diverse portfolio of WordPress websites using JavaScript, TypeScript, HTML, CSS, and SCSS, highlighting a strong and ongoing commitment to web development and management.
- Demonstrated leadership by overseeing and successfully executing digital development projects, including a pioneering interactive digital signage initiative, exemplifying project management skills and innovation.
- Skillfully analyzed user needs to accurately determine the requirements of digital marketing projects, ensuring alignment with organizational goals and optimizing user engagement.

Education

- MA, Mass Communication, University of Florida, August 2005
- BA, English, University of Florida, December 2000