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Professional Software Engineer Experience

Motion Recruitment (short term contract)

November 2023 - Present

Senior Software Engineer

- Writes code in NextJS and React for a Fortune 600 client
- Fixes compliance issues on the UI and fixed several bugs with a self-hosted OKTA user login feature

Storyblocks

Senior Software Engineer

July 2022 - November 2023

Software Engineer

November 2021 - June 2022

- Wrote code in React, TypeScript, Node, Laravel PHP, and MySQL for the Growth - Monetize team
- Coded AB tests resulting in a 13% decrease in member cancellation, 7.7% increase in member conversion, and an 8% increase in annual sale prices
- Revived engineering blog with other engineers and now we average 81 blog views a day
- Mentored junior engineers facilitating their skill growth and career advancement
- Helped with engineering onboarding
- Actively involved in diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives such as Treasurer of Out at Storyblocks and involved in SURGE (Society for Underrepresented Genders in Engineering)
- Sent every teammate a Milk Bar cake (or similarly priced food item) for their birthday to help boost morale
- Conducted code clean-up of monolith repo

Generali Global Assistance

February 2020 - October 2021

Full Stack Developer

- Wrote code for a major identity theft protection product using React, Node, Contentful, SQL, and various AWS Services
- Spearheaded PR process improvements to help improve the team's code quality
- Re-developed landing page, enrollment flow, credit report, and alerts pages resulting in significant enhancements to the overall user experience (UX)
- Enhanced security measures, pivotal in securing a key client contract renewal
- Spearheaded the creation of the framework for a new customer survey
- Conducted backend code clean-up efforts, which included the development of helper Lambdas, writing Terraform, writing internal NPM packages, and improving the documentation for Lambdas

Attain

November 2018 - January 2020

JavaScript Developer

- Worked on building a product suite for education consulting using Angular, TypeScript, Node, and PostgreSQL
- Wrote tests in Jasmine
- Conducted in-depth product research with a prominent client
- Implemented minor tweaks to legacy code when required

QOMPLX

January 2018 - November 2018

Front End Web & JavaScript Engineer

- Developed the organization's public site for our cybersecurity product in vanilla JavaScript
- Engineered features for cybersecurity and trade products using AngularJS
- Built design system library across the company's products using Sass and Webpack 4
- Created a universal sidebar library used in all the company's products using AngularJS and Webpack
- Worked with dev-ops on Jenkins deployments of public site

Crane.ai

June 2017 - September 2017

Full Stack Developer Intern

- Built an easy-to-use React app and Node calls facilitating internal employees in training Crane's AI system
- Wrote tests in Jest for core client software

Skills

Front End: JavaScript, TypeScript, React, Angular, TypeScript, Contentful, Builder.io, Webpack, Tachyons, Accessibility, Sass, Electron, Papaparse

Back End: NodeJS, Amazon Web Services, ExpressJS, PostgreSQL, Laravel, PHP, Terraform, Heroku

Testing: Cypress, Jasmine, Jest, Mocha

Version Control: Git, GitHub, BitBucket, GitLab

Community Involvement

- Grace Hopper Celebration Attendee** 2020 and 2022
- Helped over 25 other attendees with their resumes in 2020
- Bootcampers Anonymous Speaker** April 2022
- Spoke about my experience job hunting from as bootcamp grad through an experienced engineer
 - Helped an attendee privately with his resume resulting in him quickly getting 3 job offers after searching for his first job post-bootcamp for a prolonged period of time
- AnitaB.org Mentor** 2020-2021
- Mentors two graduate students to help them get their first tech jobs
- General Assembly Speaker** 2019
- Spoke on 2 alumni panels at General Assembly
- React NYC Speaker** July 2017
- Gave a talk on an *Introduction to Jest Testing* to approximately 250 people at Microsoft
- General Assembly Ladies** May 2017
- Presented my data from my job hunt to help others

Open Source Contributions

- Jasmine** February 2019
- Fixed some errors in their documentation
- Swagger.UI** November 2018
- Refactored some of their code to remove a deprecated React Lifecycle
- Facebook Jest** September 2017
- Created the official example in the documentation of how to use Jest with Webpack

Professional Non-Profit Experience

- Anti-Defamation League** February 2016 - October 2016
Development Assistant
- Built event websites in Cvent using HTML and CSS
 - Maintained the Anti-Defamation League New York Region's website in WordPress
- TriBeCa Synagogue** April 2014 - February 2016
Office Manager
- Independently transitioned the organization's records system to a synagogue specific CRM

Education

- Web Development Immersive**, General Assembly, February 2017
Bachelor of Arts in History, Minor in Jewish Studies, The New School, May 2014