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CAREER OBJECTIVE

Dedicated Senior Frontend Engineer with over five years of professional experience in building and leading modern web applications. Specialising in React, Next.js, and the Vercel ecosystem, I seek a challenging role where my technical skills and leadership abilities will drive impactful developments and foster a culture of excellence and innovation.

QUALIFICATIONS

Expert in developing high-performance applications using React, Next.js, and TailwindCSS; deep understanding of design systems and UI engineering.
Proven track record in improving accessibility and building scalable solutions within the Vercel ecosystem.
Experienced in mentoring junior developers and leading code review sessions to maintain high code quality.

SKILLS

Languages & Frameworks: Advanced proficiency in JavaScript (ES6+), TypeScript, React (including Hooks and State management), Next.js; experienced with TRPC, Node.js, Express, PHP, Laravel**.**
Frontend Technologies: Expert in developing responsive and accessible UIs using HTML5, CSS3, TailwindCSS; skilled in Bootstrap and creating design systems.
Tools & Services: Proficient in Git, VSCode, Jira; experienced with Digital Ocean, REST APIs, NPM, Webpack; familiar with GitHub, Firebase, and MySQL.
Development Practices: Strong focus on accessibility (WCAG/AODA compliance), design systems, and modern development practices within the Vercel ecosystem.
Operating Systems: Comfortable working with macOS and Windows environments.

EXPERIENCE

BetterHelp (Teladoc Health Canada)
April 2022 - Present
Senior Frontend Engineer
- Transitioned the application architecture from PHP/Twig to a modern stack using React, Next.js, and TailwindCSS.
- Collaborated with the design team to develop a new accessible component library, enhancing user experience across millions of global users.
- Initiated and led a frontend mentorship program to upskill junior developers and improve team capabilities.

CoinSmart (Buy Bitcoin Canada)
September 2021 - April 2022
Fullstack Developer
- Designed and implemented a unified test suite for both web and mobile platforms using React and React Native, serving over 100,000 users.
- Refactored global state management, significantly improving maintainability and performance of the applications.

Independent Freelancer
June 2016 - Present
Developer
- Developed and maintained secure, scalable web services and applications for various clients, focusing on modern JavaScript ecosystems and best practices.
- Provided strategic upgrades and support for existing projects, ensuring robust and future-ready systems.

After Digital
April 2019 - May 2020
Frontend Developer
- Enhanced site performance and accessibility, meeting and exceeding WCAG/AODA standards.
- Developed and maintained a proprietary UI component library using Vue.js, improving design consistency across projects.

References are available upon request.