

# Kaori Kawakami

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## Professional Summary

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Self-driven front-end developer with 2+ years of coding experience, drawn to development through a passion for solving logic puzzles and complex problems. Mastered programming fundamentals through Codecademy courses and self-directed projects, while leveraging 6 years of 2D animation expertise to create compelling web experiences. Combines technical proficiency and visual design sensibilities to craft intuitive, responsive interfaces, with proven ability to manage complex state and optimize codebases through ambitious projects like digital board game recreations.

## Technical Skills

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**Languages:** Javascript, TypeScript, Python, HTML, CSS  
**Frameworks:** Next.js, Vite, Tailwind  
**Libraries:** React, Jotai

**Backend & Databases:** MongoDB, Node, Mongoose  
**Version Control:** Git, GitHub  
**Additional Technologies:** Vue.js, REST API, Illustrator, Figma

## Projects

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### Trails Game App

<https://kaori.dev/projects/trails>

- Meticulously crafted digital recreation of the *TRAILS* board game components, featuring pixel-perfect components and dynamic player-based layouts. Built with React, Vite, and Tailwind CSS
- Designed and implemented custom game assets using Adobe Illustrator to maintain visual consistency across the application

### Property Rental Application

<https://kaori.dev/projects/property%20rental%20site>

- Developed a full-stack rental property platform using Next.js, React, Tailwind CSS, MongoDB, and Mongoose, enabling users to list properties for rent, search and bookmark listings, and send messages to property owners.
- Integrated Google OAuth and social sharing features, allowing users to sign up with their Google account and share listings seamlessly via Facebook, Twitter, Email, and WhatsApp.

## Experience

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### 2D Animator, Rejuvica Health – Santa Margarita, CA

2018 – Present

- Develop engaging animated explainer videos to increase customer retention on landing pages
- Collaborate with copywriters using Google Docs for script proofreading and editing
- Design, animate, and compile video/sound assets using Adobe programs
- Exercise creative control over video style, design, and storyboarding

### Cocktail Waitress, Danny K's – Anaheim, CA

2017 - 2018

- Efficiently managed multiple tables in a fast-paced environment while maintaining a positive attitude
- Demonstrated strong memory skills by memorizing full alcohol and food menus
- Handled customer credit cards and organized tabs, ensuring smooth transactions

### Waitress & Shift Leader, Curry House – Santa Ana, CA

2013 - 2017

- Led and coached employees to improve hospitality, organization, and efficiency
- Addressed and resolved customer complaints to ensure excellent dining experiences
- Compiled daily reports including data entries, incident reports, and improvement suggestions

## Education

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**Cal Poly Pomona** – BS in Animal Science - Pre-Vet

**Codecademy** – Front-End Engineer Career Path