

KRISTEN M. VAN NESTE

Technical Project Manager / Senior Front-End Developer

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 Washington, DC (willing to relocate)

 Top Secret Security Clearance (Active)



SUMMARY

Dynamic Technical Project Manager with 5+ years experience and a proven track record of leading innovative, mission-driven software projects. Skilled in managing cross-functional teams, building strong client relationships, and delivering projects on time and within scope. Known for fostering collaborative environments and executing creative strategies that exceed expectations. Seeking a leadership role to drive impactful projects with social, forward-thinking teams.

EXPERIENCE

Technical Project Manager / Senior Front-End Developer

Booz Allen Hamilton

 2022 - Present

 Washington, DC

Federal contractor specializing in technology and intelligence for government and military clients.

- Lead cross-functional teams** delivering 12+ complex software projects for high-profile clients, including Air Force One and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, within Top Secret environments. Developed solutions enhancing natural hazard prediction and decision-making.
- Drive project success** by developing comprehensive timelines, scheduling milestones, and ensuring alignment with client goals, achieving 100% on-time delivery.
- Collaborate with technical leads** to define comprehensive program scopes and create **strategic roadmaps** aligned with organizational priorities.
- Cultivate strong relationships** with stakeholders and team members, resulting in repeat client requests and project assignments based on exceptional feedback.

Lead Front-End Developer

Conservation Science Partners

 2020 - 2022

 Washington, DC

Nonprofit established to meet the analytical and research needs of diverse stakeholders in conservation projects.

- Led** the development of interactive web maps to visualize environmental data for high-profile clients, including Microsoft and the Bureau of Land Management, **coordinated with cross-functional teams** to ensure client goals were met.
- Managed communication** between backend engineers and clients throughout the production process, ensuring alignment with project timelines and deliverables.
- Spearheaded the **migration of legacy systems** to modern JavaScript frameworks, optimizing over 10,000 lines of code and enhancing system performance and scalability.

Wildlife Biologist

National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service

 2017 - 2020

 CA, OR

Private contractor conducting comprehensive studies on carnivore ecology.

- Tracked and captured the renowned "Hollywood Lion" (P-22), among other carnivores, across 155,000 acres. Utilized various research methods, including camera trapping and genetic sampling.
- Enhanced wildlife ecology impact by publishing in top-tier journals and presenting at international conferences. Led 10 contracts to completion.

EDUCATION

Professional Certificate in Web Development

The George Washington University

 2020

 Remote

Bachelor of Science, Degree with Distinction, in Ecology and Wildlife Conservation

University of Delaware

 2013 - 2017

 Newark, DE

SKILLS

Project Management Skills

Risk Management, Agile Methodologies, Project Planning, Resource Allocation, Team Leadership, Strategic Problem Solving, Stakeholder Engagement

Technical Skills

React, Mapbox, Leaflet, HTML5, CSS3, TypeScript, JavaScript, Material-UI, Jira, Figma, Git

ACHIEVEMENTS AT BOOZ ALLEN

 Promotion to Senior Lead Engineer


In April 2023, promoted to Senior Lead Engineer within the Aerospace Account, transitioning from managing a single project to overseeing multiple contracts.


 Recipient of the Passionate Service Silver Award

Recognized for my contributions as a Lead UI Engineer on the Census Bureau Data Distribution contract.

IMPACTFUL PROJECTS

Climate Resilience Portal


 05/2024 - Present


 Washington, D.C.

Spearheaded the third release of the DOD Climate Resilience Portal.

- Improved client satisfaction by 15% by overhauling the deployment process and delegating QA and QC responsibilities.

Microsoft's AI for Earth Planetary Computer Launch

 2021 - 2022

 Washington, D.C.

Collaborated with Microsoft's AI for Earth marketing team to build three geospatial applications utilizing the Planetary Computer.

- The launch was a success with over 1 million webpage views within the first 3 months of the release.

CERTIFICATIONS

Certified ScrumMaster

Scrum Alliance

Certified Wildlife Biologist

The Wildlife Society