

# MICHELLE STERMITZ

I'm a design-oriented frontend developer dedicated to thoughtful user experiences, positive collaboration, and aesthetic, responsive applications.

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## EXPERIENCE

### Frontend Software Engineer, Powell's Books, Portland, OR

01/2024 - Present

- Collaborated with a newly formed engineering team to launch a greenfield, large-scale e-commerce platform
- Served as primary owner of Storybook integration for responsive, atomic design and consistent component usage
- Owned UX, UI, and accessibility improvements across the site, from layout to interaction patterns
- Monitored performance, analytics, and error tracking to support site stability and user experience

### Personal Sabbatical

03/2023 - 10/2023

I took a personal sabbatical to focus on both personal and professional growth, and to level up as a developer.

During that time, I built a full stack interview prep app using the OpenAI API, started dreaming up a color scheme generator, and picked up several new technical skills.

### Software Engineer, Olio Apps, Portland, OR

05/2021 - 03/2023

- Independently developed the frontend for two React Native mobile apps, including a barometric pressure tracker for the EarPlanes product line
- Led a three-person team to develop a solar panel installation quote app - built core frontend features, contributed to cloud functions, and rigorously tested the quote calculator
- Contributed significantly to the frontend of Carbon Title, building responsive dashboard components and intricate forms for entering detailed building specifications.
- Specialized in atomic design and trained team members in Storybook-driven development for scalable, consistent UI components
- Collaborated directly with clients on testing, debugging, and iterating based on feedback

### Graphic Designer, Marketing, Personal Assistant, Freelance

2017 - 2019

Upheld mission of professional brands via graphic design, Wordpress editing, keyword mapping and other tasks. Expanded skillset in accordance with business needs and sought feedback in order to deliver high quality product.

### Graphic Designer, Manager, The Stensrud Playhouse, Missoula, MT

2013 - 2017

As co-founder of The Stensrud Playhouse, an event venue, I delivered successful marketing plans resulting in sold-out shows. I strengthened the relationship with the community by developing a large social media following and website. I managed sales, box office, kitchen operations and staff, and designed all paper and digital materials.

## SKILLS

**Languages:** JavaScript/Typescript, HTML, CSS

**Frontend:** React, Vue, Next.js, React Native, Storybook, Tailwind, Nuxt, Styled Components, Bootstrap, Material UI, GraphQL, Vuetify

**Backend:** Node.js, Firebase, PostgreSQL, Prisma

**Tools, Testing and Services:** Github, Figma, Vercel, Netlify, Heroku, Postman, Hasura, Datadog, CommerceTools, Algolia

## EDUCATION

### Alchemy Code Lab, Portland, OR, Fullstack JavaScript Certificate

2020

800+ hour full stack software development program. JavaScript, HTML, CSS, React, and PostgreSQL with an emphasis on test-driven development and collaboration.

### Santa Monica College, Santa Monica, CA

2010 - 2012

### University of Canterbury, Christchurch, NZ

2010