CV for Morgan Roderick

Frontend specialised senior software engineer with 20+ years experience

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I prefer e-mail over phone calls for most things.

Summary

I am a senior software engineer with a couple of decades of professional experience. My primary focus is on building high quality software products with long life span and low effort maintenance.

I am a lean web enthusiast, which means I subscribe to the idea that we can make a simpler, faster web by using the evolving web standards and browsers to their fullest. I master HTTP, JavaScript, HTML and CSS.

I have extensive experience with building and maintaining Single Page Applications, highly resilient web applications using progressive enhancement as well as high quality JavaScript libraries. I am equally comfortable working both client- and server-side.

Over the time of my career I've naturally spent time with many different programming languages, libraries and frameworks, servers, etc. Please ask for specifics.

Code craftsmanship and developing good practices excites me a lot more than this season's new, shiny framework, build tool, etc. I think that great results can be achieved by applying good practices with carefully chosen tools.

I am always looking to develop lasting skillsets that focus on good practices, rather than fads and tools that happen to be fashionable this year. These books have been influential to me. You will often hear me recommend them to other developers:

- Clean Code
- Eloquent JavaScript
- Refactoring
- Release It!

- Working Effectively with Legacy Code

As a natural part of my work, I help other developers hone their skills, especially around refactoring and unit testing. I am a core member of the Sinon.JS project.

Outside of my work life, I am passionate about cooking and photography, as well as participating in community work.

Experience

Since 2001 I have worked mostly as a freelance frontend specialist and have experience working with companies in sizes ranging from two to more than 100.000 employees.

Agents

- ProData
- Strand & Donslund
- 7N

Clients and employers

- Apple Inc.
- Zalando SE, Online retailer
- Kalo, freelancer management systems
- Brandwatch GmbH
- Imagine Easy Solutions, "A Tiny Company with Big Ideas"
- ATEA, IT infrastructure specialists
- TDC, Denmark's largest telco
- AKQA, international digital agency, I worked with the Berlin office
- Nokia, handset manufacturer, I worked with the Berlin office
- Spar Nord, banking
- Rojabo, bootstrapped small business
- Coop, retail enterprise
- ZYB, venture funded startup acquired by Vodafone
- Semler IT, IT supplier and integrator to automotive sector
- Leo Burnett, ad agency, I worked with the then Copenhagen office
- IT-Jobbank, bootstrapped startup acquired by StepStone
- Valtech A/S
- Software Innovation
- 7N a/s

Recommendations

Recommendations by past clients, employers and co-workers are available on my linkedin profile

Profiles

- GitHub
- LinkedIn

Spoken Languages

- Danish: Fluent
- English: Fluent
- Swedish: Some
- German: ~B1

Education and certifications

- 1999 Datanom - single course (Object Oriented Development)
- 1996 – 1998 Datamatiker (Academy Profession Degree in Computer Science) at Aarhus Business College.
- 1990 – 1993 Matematisk studenter eksamen at Thisted Gymnasium

Community work

- Volunteer coach at codebar in Berlin
- Volunteer mentor at CoderDojo events in Berlin
- Volunteer cook at Homeless Veggie Dinner in Berlin
- Co-founded and ran CopenhagenJS for ~18 months, until I moved to Berlin
- Occasional speaker at user groups (BerlinJS, CopenhagenJS, AsyncJS)
- Occasional speaker at conferences (Front Trends 2010, Reject.JS 2010)