

ORHAN SÖNMEZ – CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL STATEMENT

I'm a highly experienced and technically adept Web-, React-Native- and Android Developer, who can write clean, maintainable, and optimized code in multiple programming languages like Java, C#, PHP and HTML5.

By virtue of an excellent understanding of complex data models and algorithms and the ability to get acquainted with and make use of cutting-edge developments and frameworks, I can be a very productive and helpful addition to any development team.

I'm also able to manage and guide groups of fellow colleagues, as proven at several client projects where I have overseen small development teams or at my employment at the University of Bonn as a tutor / mentor in courses like Software Technology and Object-Oriented-Programming.

FREELANCE EXPERIENCE

2015 – Today

Freelancer Web, React-Native- & Android Development

I worked on key projects for globally renowned companies in a wide range of industries like Finance, Automotive, Sports, Fashion and Apparel and Telecommunication. A non-exhaustive list of these customers includes household names like adidas, Vodafone, Leica Camera, Deutsche Telekom, trivago or Postbank Germany.

A recent and prime example is a project accomplished for Access Bank (one of Africa's leading banks), where I single-handedly created and maintained a high-standards multi-platform app (for Android and iOS) in React-Native.

See below for further references.

Main responsibilities:

- ❖ Analyzing the business requirements and deciding on technologies to use
- ❖ Implementation of native Android and iOS apps in React-Native.
- ❖ Creation of a (custom) libraries for React-Native according to customers' needs (see GitHub-Profile for more).

KEY PROJECTS / REFERENCES

A small non-exhaustive selection of projects I realized in my time as a freelancer, either as a one-man-team or within a larger group of developers.

Vodafone Promotional App, Vodafone (2014)



Single-handedly built a small game (natively in Android/Java) to be used in Vodafone stores in a one-off, nation-wide promotional campaign.

BVB 09 App, Borussia Dortmund (2014)

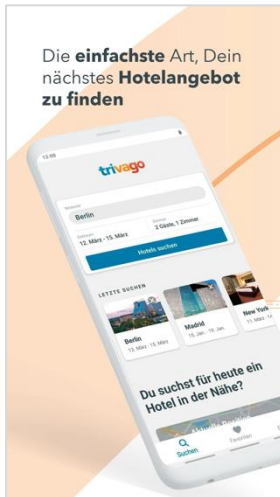


Worked on a team that built the then-new Borussia Dortmund Android app, which featured nifty animations, an elaborate news section, match-day information and even a live radio stream. The app has since been renewed, but some core elements seem to be still in-tact (matchday page)

Link to Android app

<https://bit.ly/bvb09-android>

trivago, trivago AG (2015)

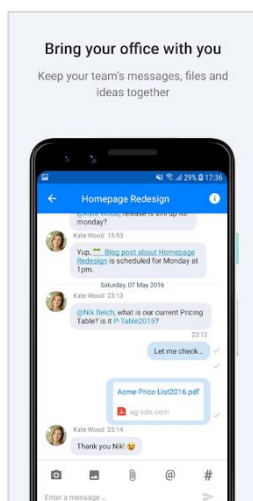


Worked on a team that built the trivago Android app (hotel price searching/booking platform), with all features (and some additional ones) that were available on the web app, including detailed search parameters, result filtering, displaying results on map, etc.

Link to Android app

<https://bit.ly/trivago-android>

Grape, ChatGrape GmbH (2015/2016)

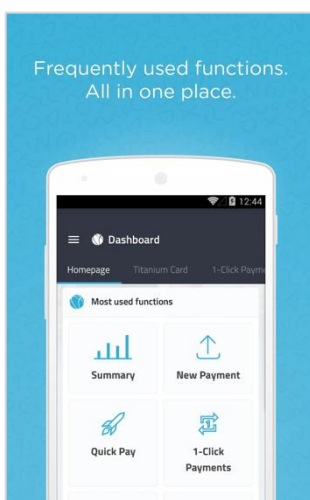


Joined a then-upcoming startup as a Team Lead / Product Manager, working on a full-fledged chat solution for companies (similar to Slack or Microsoft Teams), a concept which was still in its infancy.

Link to website

<https://bit.ly/grape-io>

PayWithCapture, Access Bank Africa (2016 / 2017)

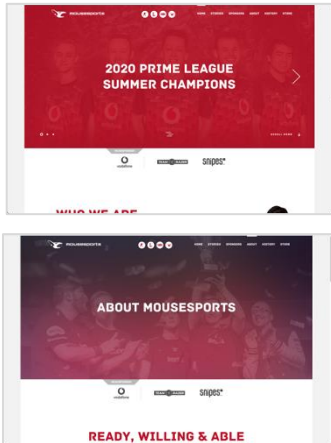


Single-handedly built the aforementioned mobile banking app (in React Native, so iOS and Android versions) for Access Bank. This included top-tier security mechanisms, a fluid UI/UX and a whole lot of performance optimizations. More info available on request.

Link to Android app

<http://bit.ly/pwc-android>

mouzCMS, mousesports Ltd (2017)

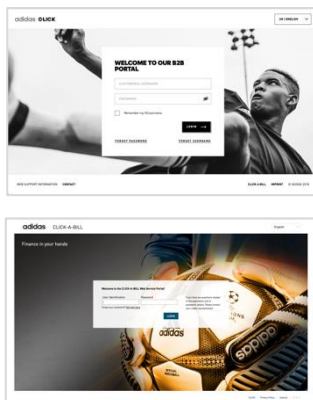


Single-handedly built a custom CMS in Laravel/PHP (on top of an open-source CMS called PageKit) for one of the most popular e-Sports teams in the world, featuring custom back-and frontend-solutions for managing team rosters, adding social media posts,

Link to website

<https://bit.ly/mouzcms>

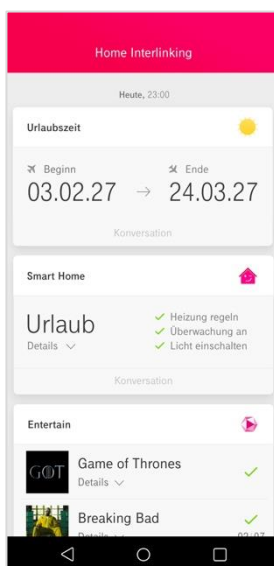
adidas CLICK, adidas AG (2017)



Worked on a team which built a new B2B-ordering platform from the ground-up, which now handles all B2B-sales for the company.

My responsibilities included working on the business logic layer (retrieving data from the Salesforce backend) and advising the team working on the UI layer.

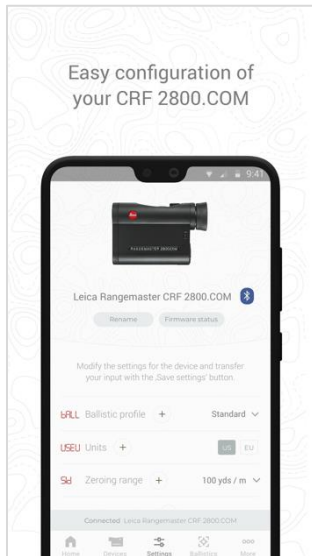
Telekom „Urlaubsmodus“ Smart-Home App, Telekom AG (2017)



Worked on a team which built a smart-home interlinking app in React-Native, which allowed users to prepare smart-home devices for the user's absence (e.g. before holidays).

My responsibilities included implementing a conversational UI (AI powered) with a pixel-perfect design and elaborate animations.

Leica Hunting, Leica Camera AG, Sportsoptics division (2017 / 2018)

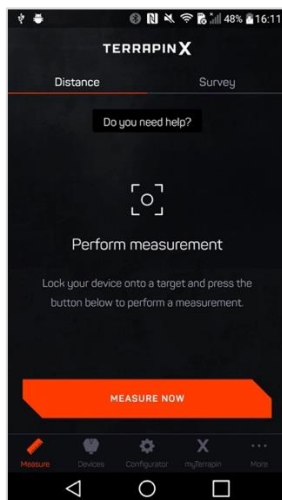


Single-handedly built iOS and Android apps in React-Native which let users configure and update all aspects of their Laser-Rangefinder device remotely by using Bluetooth-Low-Energy (BLE) technology. Firmware for devices where actively developed with my help and input, which required creating a low-level communication library in JavaScript.

Link to Android app

<http://bit.ly/leica-hunting-android>

Terrapin X, Safran Vectronix AG (2018)

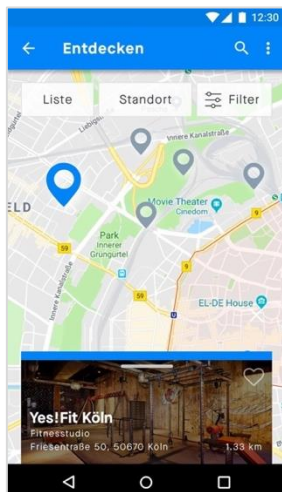


Based on the work done for the Leica Hunting App. Both apps use the same BLE device communication layer but differ slightly in app functionality and consumer-faced features of the devices.

Link to Android app

<http://bit.ly/terrapinx-android>

fitogram, fitogram GmbH (2018)



Single-handedly built the iOS and Android app in React-Native for fitogram, a search engine and booking platform for fitness and sports studios.

Link to Android app

<http://bit.ly/fitogram-android>

YOUNG MONEY, Postbank AG (2018)



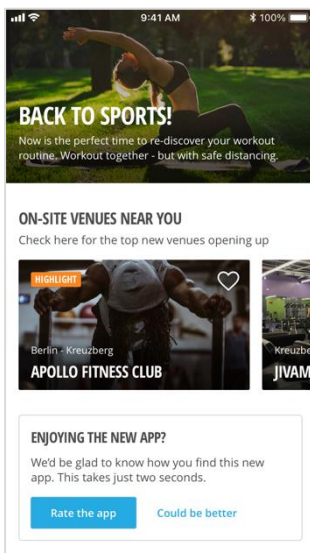
Worked on a team which built a completely new React-Native banking app specifically targeted at young customers at Postbank (one of Germany's top banks in the private sector).

My responsibilities included implementing a pixel-perfect UI with a lot of fluid animations and working on the business logic of the app.

Link to Android app

<http://bit.ly/young-money-android>

Urban Sports Club App, Urban Sports GmbH (2019-2020)

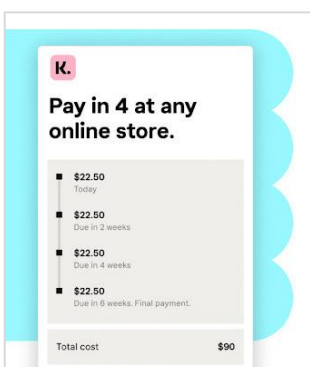


Joined a newly formed team in one of Berlin's most prolific startups with the purpose of building a React-Native app from the ground up, which allowed users to manage their membership while also simplifying and modernizing the discovery of and check-in process at participating sports venues.

Link to Android app

<https://bit.ly/urban-sports-android>

Klarna Chrome Extension, Klarna Bank AB (2021-2022)



Joined a newly formed group (migrating from a company which was bought by Klarna) and helped port all functionality to a brand-new version of Klarna's Chrome Extension. Also helped refactor major pain points regarding Developer Experience, which affected most of the ~6.000 developers at the company.

PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE

2015 – 2016

Lead-Android Developer, Designer and Product Manager at ChatGrape

I worked as Lead-Android Developer, Product Manager and Designer at a new and upcoming European startup called ChatGrape (now Grape). I established and led the Android team while also bringing fresh ideas to the table as a Designer and Product Manager, helping to shape and advance the product.

2014

Freelancer Web & Android Development

I worked on projects for high-profile companies like trivago, Vodafone, etc. as an Android developer for Rheinfabrik GmbH (contractor company), where I helped creating and/or improving existing Android apps with millions of users using the latest technologies.

2012 – 2014

University of Bonn

I worked as a lecturer assistant and tutor / mentor for fellow students.

2011 – 2012

Navteq GmbH

I was a traffic data analyst for Europe and Middle East.

2008 – 2011

Freelancer Web Development

As a freelancer I designed, implemented, and maintained web applications.

TECHNOLOGY SKILLS

Java, Android, C#, C++, PHP, Python, HTML5, JavaScript (including state-of-the-art frameworks based on JS like Node.js, ReactJS, React-Native, Angular, etc.).

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science at University of Bonn

- GPA: 2.3
- Bachelor Thesis on development of an Android application introducing a new concept for mobile communication named GeoDrop.

LANGUAGES

- German
- English
- Turkish