

To whom it may concern

I would hereby like to apply for the role of Frontend Engineer at GitLab. In the last 5 years I have worked hard to gain proficiencies in Angular, ReactTS, TypeScript, PHP (Laravel, CodeIgniter) and NodeJS. With Angular and ReactTS we worked predominantly on JestDom, but for the backend NodeJS API services we focused on Jest tests. I have used all 3 major repository managers (GitLab, GitHub and BitBucket), however with GitLab we used it as part of our CICD deployments for client managed sites helping customers manage their site repos from a React UI. Because our stack managed and maintained WordPress websites, a large focus was placed on how we managed cache everywhere from the Client side to the Cloudflare DNS caching as well to enhance performance and load times.

The scale of our current platform I am working on, communication is key and feature building documentation is of the utmost importance especially where a new team member joins. With a lot of smart questions come a lot of concise answers, that said I do research any bugs and issues as far as I can so that if assistance is required I can supply a list of tried and tested methods of investigation to assist the dev helping on an issue not have to go and re-test things that have already been looked at, this helps save time and makes finding the issue quickly.

I have been working in an Agile working environment for a few years now and understand the principals of sprints. It allows open and clear communication and understanding of what is worked on, what is a blocker and who needs assistance. It facilitates open communication as well as open problem solving.

As with any SAS platform there are multiple cogs in the engine, I have had to work alongside DevOps and Automation departments as well as security teams. Interacting between them to resolve platform issues as well as building features and improving existing ones becomes part of the work. Having a good understanding of the entire stack or allows developers and engineers to approach the relevant teams openly and with concise discussion points. Its all about breaking silos and helping each other.

Every company has different values it's how one approaches them that can make or break any employee. I value collaboration and honesty above all. Confrontation is inevitable but so is resolution. I prefer to work with rather than against and this almost always leads to better understanding of the person as well as the knowledge they have to share.

I am very excited about moving from full-stack to frontend engineering because it's part of my core focus. What I enjoy about frontend is that it's never just front end, it allows one to interact with a whole host of technologies that connect, interact or change how people use and experience user interfaces. With full stack developers can easily fall into a jack of all trades whereas front end has UI and UX at the core while the rest compliments and enhances the front end engineer side of development.

With my passion for creating and developing software and my thirst for knowledge and improving my own skills as well as the ability to adapt to any situation, I believe that I am a great fit as a candidate in your frontend engineering teams.

Sincerely,

Philip Jonas



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Full-stack Software Engineer

Personal Information

Title:	Mr
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Core Skills

Amazon Web Services	●●●○○
TypeScript	●●●○○
ReactTS	●●●○○
NodeJS	●●●○○
PHP	●●●●○
Docker	●●●○○
Git	●●●●○
Agile Methodologies	●●●●○
Laravel Framework	●●●○○
MySQL	●●●○○

Employment History

Senior Flash Developer at Prezence, Cape Town

June 2008 – May 2010

- Flash Actionscript 3 application development.
- CakePHP XML Api integrations
- Web Design
- Flash Game Development

Interactive Developer at Bletchley Park, Cape Town

June 2010 – May 2012

- PHP Laravel micro systems to manage lead capture
- Flash Actionscript 3 application development.
- Web Design
- Frontend Development
- Facebook Application Development

Developer at Hero Strategic Marketing, Cape Town

June 2012 – July 2014

- WordPress Plugin Development
- Managing and maintaining client websites
- Interactive event marketing media (Android Apps, Flash Games, Flash Animations)

Creative Developer at OFyt, Cape Town

August 2014 – August 2015

- WordPress Theme development
- Custom plugin features for client site features
- Arduino Development in C (Basic electronics like timed locks and postcard feeders)
- PHP Laravel Micro systems for lead generation management
- Facebook applications and social interaction

Employment History Continued

Fullstack Soware Engineer at SharpSpring, Cape Town

September 2015 – September 2016

- Full stack PHP engineer in Codelgnitor
- Managing and maintinaing of the SharpSpring platform features and bugs
- Technical Client support with third party integrations into our api
- CI/CD processes using Docker, Kubernettes and Google Cloud Deployment
- Queue automation using PHP Gearman

Fullstack Soware Engineer at Double Eye, Cape Town

October 2016 – January 2018

- Building of Laravel Rest API services
- Developing of Angular TS hybrid mobile applications in Ionic
- Firebase deployments

Product Engineer at Kurtosys, Cape Town

February 2018 – Present

- Fullstack Product Engineer NodeJS, ReactTS and PHP
- AWS CI/CD with Fargate and ECS
- Developing AWS Lambda Function
- WordPress ReactTS Plugin development
- ReactTS Frontend development on Fundpress Application
- NodeJS / TS api service development
- Documentation of core features and code
- Agile Retro and Demo ficilitator
- DXM WordPress deployment platform
- CloudFlare DNS management
- Test Driven development

References

Prezence (Company closed down in 2015)

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Kurtosys - Present Employment

Alvin Ward - Head of development

Sunil Obebra - Head of technology (London - UK)

Gerhard Vana - DXM Team lead (London - UK)