# **REBECCA SHOPTAW**

# **Software Engineer**

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Full-stack engineer with a track record of shipping ambitious features and complex fixes for large-scale applications.

#### SKILLS

React | TypeScript | JavaScript | HTML | CSS | Node.js | Next.js | Vercel | Tailwind CSS | Git | Jest | Docker | CI/CD |

# **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### Software Engineer & i18n Lead

#### **Internet Archive**

Remote

December 2023 - Present

- Successfully shipped 8+ new features and fixes as a volunteer for a digital library with 30M+ monthly visitors, using automated unit and integration testing and linting to ensure code quality
- Collaborated with a cross-functional team of 15 via weekly meetings, code review, engineering best practices, and continuous integration/continuous delivery (CI/CD) workflows
- Yielded a 30% reduction in cover image submission time by revamping the form user experience (UX), replacing outdated JavaScript and jQuery validation methods and preventing duplicate entries
- Identified optimal solutions by diving deep into the 18-year-old codebase to solve complex issues at the root

#### Software Engineer Freelance

October 2023 - Present

Remote

- Increased responsiveness, performance and scalability by up to 80% by overhauling and rebuilding client sites, transforming bare-bones HTML sites and simple single page profiles into seamless, modern React applications
- Reduced page creation time by > 90% in a TypeScript and Next.js rebuild of a SquareSpace site by replacing 13 repetitive individually-generated pages with a simple, reusable React component
- Synthesized client site objectives and aesthetic vision into actionable plans for site architecture, code and design, maintaining a 24 hour turnaround time between initial meeting and delivery of full proposal

#### Filmmaker

# **Rebecca Shoptaw Films**

New York, NY

August 2016 - Present

- Drove increasingly ambitious projects from ideation to realization, including a <u>70-episode web series</u> that was featured in *The New Yorker* and *Le Monde* and 40+ short films that have screened at festivals internationally
- Led teams of 10+ in fast-paced, high-pressure on-set environments, devising individualized strategies to communicate clearly and effectively with each team member
- Created polished finished products by patiently refining performance, cinematography and editing with minute precision, averaging 8+ rehearsals per shot and 5+ full cuts per film

# **PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHTS**

# **Software Engineer**

Triolingo

New York, NY

October 2023 - Present

- Generated immediate user impact by propelling the product from initial concept to first launch in < 24 hours
- Transformed scalability and extensibility by using SOLID design principles to distribute the game logic among 25 reusable, modular React components and 8 custom hooks and TypeScript helper functions
- Delivered a > 89% reduction in main component length in a single week by spearheading a thorough streamlining, refactoring and restructuring process

### **Software Engineer**

**Open Editions** 

New York, NY

September 2023 - Present

- Orchestrated site expansion by making the 10 customized style and content data points entirely dependent on a TypeScript object so as to achieve full reusability for the React audiobook user interface (UI)
- Currently scaling up, developing new features for the site, and incorporating a 40,000-book library and customized audio player by deploying a REST API-linked search algorithm

# **EDUCATION**

**BA. Film and Media Studies** 

GPA: 3.88 — cum laude, with distinction

**Yale University** 

New Haven, CT

August 2014 - June 2018

- Mastered JavaScript, HTML, CSS, C, SQL, and Data Structures and Algorithms
- Independently trained self in Swift by taking a video-editing iOS app from ideation to completion in under 3 weeks
- One of only 20 students out of 500+ with a project selected to be featured in CS50 year-end course showcase video