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## Summary

A cross-functional software engineer with a proven track record for delivering beautiful and performant user interfaces. Proficient in JavaScript, HTML, and CSS, specializing in Ruby on Rails and React-based frameworks like Next.js. Highly skilled at translating business objectives into actionable user stories, converting wireframes into pixel-perfect interfaces, and refactoring legacy codebases with an eye for developer experience. A lifelong learner and practiced mentor. Seeking a full-stack software engineering role on a product team that pushes beyond technological and creative limitations.

## Relevant Experience

### UI/UX DESIGNER AND ENGINEER II | ZEAL | REMOTE

January 2022 – Present

- Centralized navigation menu data into shared Rails service object for a medtech client and reduced RSpec test execution time by 55%
- Transformed over 40 Rails and React application views for a medtech client into mobile-first interfaces to allow users to easily purchase products and manage account data on mobile devices
- Wrote 12 technical articles about software engineering and UI/UX design to attract new business and top talent to ZEAL
- Mentored students at LEARN Academy (San Diego, California) weekly by presenting tech talks, conducting 50 mock whiteboarding interviews, and providing hands-on support during capstone projects
- Manage and cohost Strugglecast, a monthly podcast that helps listeners navigate the struggles of UI/UX design and software development

### WEB DEVELOPER | ANGEL OAK CREATIVE | RALEIGH, NC

November 2020 – December 2021

- Created tailored WordPress landing pages, websites, child themes, and plugins including the Lucy Daniels Center website, a 2022 Hermes Creative Awards Gold Winner
- Collaborated with Creative Department in the design of wireframes, website assets, and iconography
- Diagnosed website support requests and made ongoing site updates for over 20 retainer clients
- Managed project life cycles by outlining goals, creating timelines, delegating tasks, and executing website deliverables
- Assessed and implemented managed WordPress hosting options, and executed DevOps of Digital Ocean staging environment, site backups, and S3 storage

### MULTIMEDIA DESIGNER | SUNJAY ARMSTEAD DESIGN | REMOTE

August 2016 – November 2020

- Created design proposals for clients with deliverables, project budgets, and project timelines
- Designed wireframes, custom websites, logos, style guides, and printed materials for clients in the medical technologies, computer telephony integration, and nonprofit markets
- Consulted with retainer clients to achieve brand goals and execute on marketing strategies

### MEDIA DESIGNER | SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH | APEX, NC

August 2017 – October 2019

- Collaborated with 13 staff ministry leaders and several lay leaders to execute integrated marketing communications within Salem Baptist Church
- Captured and communicated stories of members demonstrating Salem's mission
- Recruited and led a Story Team of writers, interviewers, photographers, and camera operators

- Worked with ministry leaders to design and develop a new website using the WordPress content management system and Amazon Web Services

#### TEAM MEMBER | CHICK-FIL-A AT WAKE FOREST | WAKE FOREST, NC

August 2016 – July 2017

- Facilitated guest experience in front-line operations by demonstrating Chick-fil-A's core values
- Designed digital slides with news and reports for a team screen to cultivate team cohesion
- Designed customer-facing marketing materials within corporate brand guidelines

#### GRAPHIC DESIGNER | MISSION HILL CHURCH | TEMPLE TERRACE, FL

August 2015 – June 2016

- Collaborated with Pastor of Worship Ministries to design sermon series and event logos, film promotional videos, and create printed pieces using Adobe Creative Cloud software
- Oversaw the maintenance and use of 4 commercial digital printers, 1 wide-format printer, 1 commercial paper cutter, and 2 computers

## Core Competencies

#### SOFTWARE LANGUAGES

HTML, CSS, JavaScript (including ES6+, TypeScript, Node.js, React, Next.js, and RedwoodJS), Ruby, Ruby on Rails, SQL, Bash

#### SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS

Visual Studio Code, Docker, Vercel, Digital Ocean, Local by WP Engine, Adobe CC (InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop, XD, Premiere Pro, Audition, Acrobat DC, After Effects), Figma, MS Office (Word, PowerPoint, Publisher, Excel), WordPress, Webflow

#### MARKETING AND DESIGN

User Interface Design, User Experience, Graphic Design, Integrated Marketing Communications, Vision Development, Strategic Planning, Interviewing, Storytelling

## Education

#### SOFTWARE RESIDENCY | ZEAL | JANUARY 2022 – JANUARY 2023

**Relevant Coursework:** MVC Patterns in Ruby on Rails, Advanced CSS, Advanced Version Control with Git, Agile Methodologies, Product Thinking, Developer Experience, User Research, Mentorship, Emotional Intelligence

#### CODECADEMY | FEBRUARY 2021 – JULY 2021

Web Development Career Path

**Relevant Coursework:** Object-Oriented Programming in Ruby, React Programming Patterns, Express.js Backend Development, SQL, JavaScript API Development, Test Driven Development, Responsive Design, Semantic HTML

#### SOUTHEASTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY | WAKE FOREST, NC | DECEMBER 2019

M.A., Ministry Leadership

#### UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA | TAMPA, FL | MAY 2015

B.A., Communication

Minor, General Business Administration