

Ian Jennings

Creative Lead Frontend Engineer

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“Okay, I am a semi-professional race car driver and... an amateur tattoo artist.”

Reese Bobby - *Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby*

Alright, “semi-professional race car driver” might be a stretch. I'm still stuck at "paying to race" vs. "getting paid to race". Additionally, I've never actually tattooed anyone. So, maybe that quote doesn't quite cut it.

Instead I'd say that I'm a professional **user experience mechanic** and a spirited driver of obscure vintage cars. I've got 20+ years of passion for great design and empathy for users fuels everything I create. Over the years, I've done laps in the shoes of e-learning students, consumers, market traders, physicians, and more. Alongside wrenches and sockets, my toolbox is packed with design, presentation, collaboration and production-ready frontend code.

In conclusion: Ian makes good design. Ian likes cars and (most) cars like Ian.

Skills:

- **Languages & Frameworks:** TypeScript, React, Angular, Next.js, Flutter, Lit-element, Node.js, HTML, CSS, Tailwind
- **Tools & Platforms:** Yarn, Lerna, Git, TeamCity, Azure, Figma, Adobe, Atlassian
- **Development Practices:** Agile methodology, Frontend Development, Component library architecture, UI/UX design
- **Extra Credit:** Presentation, Video/Music Production, SEO, Apparel Design, Having an ok beard, Quite friendly indeed.

Experience

Senior Design System Engineer

Optimizely

01/22 - 10/23 (1 year 10 months)

- Led a team of 3 developers in building and maintaining a React-based component library.
- Made key architectural decisions to enhance the library's reliability and accessibility.
- Collaborated closely with the design team to improve the library's adoption.

- Encouraged education and contribution from the engineering community.
- Organized work within an agile methodology
- Represented the design system in the engineering department.

Senior UI Frontend Engineer

Berkadia

09/20 - 01/22

- Led a team of 3 developers.
- Developed ready-to-use components in Angular and React
- Promoted frontend development practices and led discussions
- Provided direct UI development support and maintained team collaboration.

Design System Engineer

Paylocity

11/15 - 02/20

- Spearheaded shift from monolithic CSS to React components delivered via NPM.
- Continuously supported and engaged the developer community
- Successfully built developer trust through a supportive and inclusive approach.

User Experience Engineer

Datu Health

01/13 - 10/15

- Pioneered initial responsive prototypes for patient and physician portals, bolstering investor funding and company expansion.
- Established the UX Engineering role to seamlessly merge design and development, and introduced a design library for consistency.

UI Developer

Markit

03/10 - 12/12

- Collaborated in a team to develop web and mobile applications for elite financial clients.
- Contributed to front-end development of Markit's component library for branded product creation.

UI/UX Designer and Developer | Reframe It - 09/09 - 03/10

Web UI Designer/Developer | The Kansas City Star - 03/08 - 09/09

Interactive Art Director | Bernstein-Rein Advertising - 06/07 - 03/08

Rich Media Architect | U Inc. - 06/05 - 06/06