



# Thom Allen

Freelance web developer based in London

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## Summary

I'm a front-end web developer passionate about building **effective, user-friendly web experiences**. Currently focusing on building modern web app components.

## History

(More examples and info for most of the below are available on my [portfolio site](#) along with various side projects & open-source code on [GitHub](#).)

### Freelance *Jan 2016–present & 2009–2012*

Agency: **Antidote** | Client: **Travel Republic**

As part of a two developer team I created banner ads with HTML+JS for Travel Republic's summer campaign for a wide variety of destinations and formats. I also created an [ad viewer](#) to help the agency team quickly review changes & help meet the deadline.

Agency: **Antidote** | Client: **Libratone & Sigma**

Created a custom [player module](#) for YouTube 360° videos with JavaScript and YouTube's JS API and a landing page to a strict deadline. Assisted with refactoring colleague's first-draft JS into a revealing module pattern and added BEM and 7-1 code conventions, along with writing docs for the handover to back-end devs.

### Creativity to make you happy

Designed & developed this responsive Grav-based [blog site](#).

### Various clients *2009–12*

Designing, building, hosting and maintaining client sites for small businesses.

### Open-source & side projects *2016–present*

#### [react-simple-range](#)

Released this React component as an NPM package in Sep 2016, gaining nearly a thousand downloads in the first month. Uses semantic versioning

## Skills & experience

### Front-end fundamentals

HTML5, CSS3, Sass, PostCSS, JavaScript to ES6+

### Libraries & frameworks

jQuery, React, Vue.js, Electron, GSAP. Bootstrap, Foundation

### App state management

Redux, MobX, Flux

### Build tools

Webpack, Gulp, Grunt

### Testing & assertion libs

Mocha, Jest, Tape. Expect, Enzyme

### Templating

EJS, Twig, Mustache etc

### CMS & back-end

Craft, ExpressionEngine, WordPress, ProcessWire, Grav, Jekyll, etc. Node.js basics

### Version control

Git (via CLI/terminal)

and Travis CI for automated releases & package publishing when updates are committed to the master branch. Developed in ES6 and transpiled to ES5 with Babel + Webpack.

### [countdown-app](#)

A countdown timer app built with React and Electron, featuring web and desktop builds (and a truly original name...)

## **Part-time** *2013–2015*

### **Phosphor Art**

Part-time Developer

Built responsive promos and landing pages alongside maintaining, updating and improving existing WordPress site. Created HTML email campaigns & email builder, newsletter signup forms etc. Prototyped a responsive online store page with ExpressionEngine & PayPal's API.

### **Stuff & Sense**

Part-time Developer & consultant

Designed & built the Stuff & Sense company site with a responsive front-end and an ExpressionEngine-based back-end. Provided consultancy services to various clients.

## **Other work**

2011

Facilities assistant at Google, Buckingham Palace Rd

2008

Office administrator at Eaux de Vie Ltd, Harcourt St (now Marussia Beverages)

## About

I'm an efficient, versatile and self-motivated front-end developer. I've also designed and built numerous websites from the ground up, so my history with design and CMSs allows me an insight into the bigger picture of building sites and web apps.

I'm enjoying using React for web apps thanks to its composable, reusable component model, strong performance, fast development and rich ecosystem. Shoutout to Vue.js also!

Tooling-wise I currently code using Atom editor and use the command line for Git version control, launching apps and running NPM scripts.

I typically use Webpack or Gulp for web apps or static front-end / templates, respectively.

## Education

The Ravensbourne School, 10  
GCSEs  
Self-taught developer

References available on request