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Experience

Full-Stack Software Engineer with 4+ years of experience building scalable web and mobile applications. Specialized in React, Next.js, Node.js, and PostgreSQL, with a strong focus on performance, developer velocity, and shipping quality code fast. Experienced working in async, remote-first teams and taking ownership of features from idea to deployment.

Programs

JavaScript, TypeScript, Next.js, React, React-Native, Angular, TailwindCSS, Node.js, RESTful APIs, PostgreSQL, MongoDB, Vercel, Unit Testing (React Testing Library, Jest), Styled Components, CI/CD (GitHub Actions), Async Collaboration, Technical Documentation, Git, Figma, Beginner Interests in (GraphQL, NestJS).

Work Experience

Software Engineer at GitStart Community (YC S19), San Francisco, CA (Full Time, Remote)

June 2021 — Present

- Led a team of 6 developers across high-stakes projects (e.g., Hive, Valid, Upnext), reviving underperforming accounts, doubling client credit volume, and increasing overall delivery success by over 50%.
- Revamped the Hive project post-client dissatisfaction, restoring confidence in just 2 months, which resulted in additional project scope and extended engagement until the company pivoted.
- Took over the Valid project, significantly improving collaboration and code velocity — client satisfaction soared, with more complex work assigned and PR volume doubling.
- Delivered SSR-based deep linking on Upnext, enabling state-sharing via URLs and improving engagement and user retention through faster load times.
- Ensured 75%+ test coverage across all Valid features using React Testing Library and Playwright, strengthening delivery confidence and reducing post-deployment bugs.
- Built custom CI/CD pipelines to enforce linting, formatting, and seamless testing/deployments, accelerating QA turnaround and increasing shipping speed.
- Introduced Kanban tracking, async documentation (Notion), and structured dev workflows that improved communication, delivery predictability, and overall team alignment.
- Promoted twice: from Software Engineer to Project Manager, and later to PM Domain Lead, mentoring fellow PMs and defining frameworks to improve delivery success across the org.

Frontend Developer at The Sports Media Agency, London (Contract, Remote)

January 2022 — December 2023

- Led the redesign and rebuild of multiple high-traffic websites and content platforms across the Sports Media Agency and its clients (e.g., Run-Through), modernizing UI/UX and optimizing performance.
- Owned core landing pages, event detail views, and checkout features that powered the majority of user conversions and traffic; implemented and maintained wishlist, cart, and payment flows.
- Rebuilt the internal CMS and admin dashboard, delivering key modules like event management, including complex form flows, bulk editing, and state handling (draft/archive/delete).
- Achieved 100% Lighthouse accessibility scores and implemented SEO optimizations verified via SEO 1 Click and other auditing tools, improving discoverability and compliance.
- Built scalable, reactive Angular applications using NgRx and RxJS for state management, enabling predictable data flow and performance optimization across high-traffic modules.

Frontend Developer at Digital Renter, Cameroon (Full Time, On-site)

March 2019 — April 2021

- Took ownership of major features in a cross-platform Digital Renter app built with React Native, achieving 1,000+ downloads and a 4.4 rating on iOS and Android stores with 70+ user reviews.
- Designed and implemented a Facebook Messenger chatbot with Node.js to automate property search, previews, and booking flows, reducing support workload by 25% and improving lead conversion directly from Facebook.
- Built user-facing modules including property listings, filtering, contact forms, and booking interactions, contributing to increased engagement and user retention.
- Mentored 3 university interns during their internships through hands-on guidance, code reviews, and feature delivery coaching.
- Collaborated with a cross-functional team under a lead developer, contributing proactively to planning, implementation, and performance tuning across key user journeys.

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Projects

AI Car Dealership Analyzer (PoC)

Built a fullstack app using Next.js, OpenAI APIs, and PostgreSQL to parse dealership PDFs, extract vehicle info, and analyze resale value and profit margins. Demonstrated end-to-end feature ownership and real-world data handling.

Education

BSc in Computer Engineering, University of Buea, Cameroon

October 2017 — June 2021

Languages

English, French