Dominik Grad

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Education

University of Exeter   *Exeter, UK*

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science with Industrial Placement   *Sept 2019 - May 2023*

- Predicted Final Grade: First
- Obtained the Exeter Award, an award given to students who have shown employability skills through personal development.

Work Experience

Hatless Studios   *Exeter, UK*

Software Engineer / Co-Head of Tech   *May 2020 - Current*

- Led the development of visually stunning frontend architecture, utilizing designed mocks and wireframes to create highly effective components that function seamlessly across multiple platforms. Ensured universal accessibility through adherence to best practices, resulting in a consistently excellent user experience for all audiences.
- Collaborated with leadership to optimize the hiring process for frontend engineers, resulting in a more effective screening process and a higher caliber of candidates.
- Consistently delivered quality work on time and within budget, earning a reputation as a dependable and trustworthy team member. Promoted to Head of Tech after just 1.5 years at the company, overseeing project management and ensuring all technical requirements were met.

CoreBlue Ltd   *Plymouth, UK*

Placement Software Engineer   *Aug 2021 - Aug 2022*

- Proactively stay up-to-date with the latest developments in web application and programming languages, continuously seeking out new information and resources to remain ahead of industry trends
- Developed multiple extensive REST APIs using Laravel, showcasing expertise in backend development. Collaborated closely with senior team members to enhance frontend fundamentals and effectively incorporate them into projects, resulting in high-quality web applications.

Recent Projects

Hatless Studios Website Redesign   *hatless-studios.co.uk*

Tools: Vue, Nuxt, Strapi, Tailwind

Collaborated closely with the design team to modernize the website, leveraging Strapi and Nuxt to improve SEO and enable seamless updates by the marketing team. Developed the site in a tight timeframe of just 2 weeks, while continually seeking and incorporating feedback from the design team to ensure their standards were met. Overcame complex challenges such as integrating third-party APIs and ensuring proper functionality across a range of browsers and devices, while enhancing the site's accessibility for users with disabilities. Resulted in a highly effective, user-friendly website with improved search engine ranking.

Primary Languages Network   *planet.primarylanguages.network*

Tools: Vue, Django

Developed a platform for children used in 70 schools, leveraging my expertise in frontend development to migrate the platform from Vue2 to Vue3. This involved overcoming technical challenges such as updating deprecated components, ensuring smooth transitions, and optimizing performance. Resulted in a significant improvement in platform performance and stability, providing a better user experience for users.

AMA Selections   *amaselections.com*

Tools: React, NextJS, Tailwind, Laravel

Contributed to the development of a holiday booking web app using Laravel and React as a full-stack developer. Built RESTful APIs and implemented frontend designs, including the booking procedure, user dashboard, and messaging system between admins and clients. Collaborated closely with a design-driven client, refining my eye for detail to ensure a thoughtful implementation of tasks. Demonstrated progress to the client through sprint demos and used Fibonacci and poker methods to estimate future sprints. Resulted in a successful project that met the client's design and functionality requirements.

Service Provider Marketplace

Tools: Laravel, Javascript, MangoPay

Built the frontend of a Laravel and React-based service marketplace, integrating the MangoPay payment ecosystem. Designed and implemented the KYC validation process and user wallets for secure transactions, as well as a recommendation engine that leverages user activity data. Constructed an analytics dashboard for service providers to monitor their performance and respond to customer queries through custom forms.

Skills

Areas of Expertise	Laravel, JavaScript, TypeScript, Vue, React, CSS, HTML, Databases (SQL, Postgres), Python
Tools	Git, Docker, Github Actions, Testing (JEST, Cypress), JIRA
Soft Skills	Documentation, Building client relations, Project Management, Bilingual(English/Polish)