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Staff / Principal Frontend & Platform Engineer

Frontend platform and system architect with 15+ years of experience leading UI infrastructure and full-stack systems in high-scale, multi-product environments. Specialized in design systems, frontend platforms, and modernizing legacy systems into scalable architectures. Strong at translating product vision into executable technical plans while balancing delivery, quality, and long-term maintainability.

Scope: Frontend platforms, product architecture, AI-assisted workflows, technical leadership

Core Technologies: React, TypeScript, Next.js, Node.js, NestJS, GraphQL, Redis, gRPC, Docker, AWS

Principal Engineer - Aparti, SF (remote)
May 2025 - Now

- Owned system architecture and product direction across core workflows
- Led product and design decisions in partnership with founders and legal stakeholders
- Translated complex domain requirements into scalable technical plans and delivery milestones
- Contributed hands-on to critical paths while guiding execution through reviews

WeTransfer, NYC (remote)
Sep 2020 - Sep 2024

Staff Frontend Engineer | Sep 2022 – Sep 2024

- Architected a multi-package design system adopted by 30+ engineers across 5 products with 1M+ DAU
- Founding frontend engineer on the App Platform team, unifying frontend systems org-wide
- Established CI/CD pipelines, publishing workflows, and architecture documentation
- Supported hiring, onboarding, and frontend platform adoption across teams

Senior Software Engineer | Sep 2020 – Sep 2022

- Built real-time collaborative UI features for a highly visual React-based product (Paste)
- Owned end-to-end feature delivery from scoping through release
- Led frontend modernization efforts to improve performance and maintainability

Namely, NYC (hybrid)
Sep 2018 - Sep 2020

Senior Full-Stack / Frontend Engineer

- Built complex HR & payroll UIs integrating React frontends with Go-based APIs
- Led frontend architecture for data-heavy workflows and validation tools
- Contributed to and scaled an internal design system adopted across teams
- Mentored engineers and supported delivery in a high-velocity product environment

AI Software Engineer - Amelia, NYC (on-site)
Sep 2017 - Sep 2018

- Built React-based conversational UI used by 20+ enterprise clients
- Developed BPMN-style visual configuration tools for dialog workflows
- Partnered with AI engineers to translate conversational logic and dialog models into usable interfaces
- Delivered accessible, embeddable UI systems for enterprise deployments

Founding Engineer / Technical Lead (Frontend) - Candena, Berlin (remote)
Dec 2013 - Dec 2015

- Re-architected a legacy Rails monolith into a modular, API-driven React SPA
- Led 5-person team and introduced CI pipelines, coding standards, and release workflows
- Delivered themeable UI framework reused by 20+ enterprise and university deployments

Early Full-Stack / Frontend Engineer - Multi-companies, Minsk/Berlin (on-site)
Jul 2009 - Mar 2013

- Delivered 20+ commercial web applications end-to-end
- Built modular JavaScript UIs and PHP / Rails backends
- Developed CMS platforms, e-commerce systems, and interactive experiences

EDUCATION

Master of Science in Computer Systems Engineering
Belarusian State University of Informatics and Radio-electronics - Minsk, Belarus
Sep 2005 - Sep 2010

PRODUCTS