Ash Taylor

Contract Senior JavaScript/Typescript Developer

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Profile

Experienced front-end developer based in SE London. I am in my eleventh year commercially working for various types of companies and environments from a wide range of industries, such as; finance, sports gambling, live streaming, and ad agencies.

Current Position

Ash Taylor Ltd: Director October 2018 - Present

JP Morgan & Chase: January 2019 - Present

Joined JP Morgan & Chase as a bit of an all rounder for their CIB department. Spent first half of the year understanding restricted markets and drawing out new UIs in Sketch, utilising the companies internal UI Toolkit to reimagine applications for the FX desk.

Second half was spent working on the Passive Currency Overlay improving the proof of concept and getting some proper project structure in-place and working on improving the UX of core functionality

Tech stack: React, JPM UITK, Sketch, BitBucket

NatWest Markets: February 2019 - December 2019

Joined the CurrencyPay team, building an application for corporate and private banking retail customers who perform large value transactions in multitudes of currencies. My largest contribution to the project so far has been to understand the impact of an MFA regulatory requirement (SCA) from the BAs and orchestrate this with the mobile and server teams to ensure that we all reach the same business goal.

Tech stack: React, Redux, Sagas, Bulma, Gitlab, hosted on GCP.

Salmon: October 2018 - December 2019

As a contractor at Salmon I was helping migrate a Dutch fitness companies eCommerce solution to SAP Hybris. Other tasks include refactoring and trying to move the product into 2018.

Tech stack: 2013-esque tech stack consisting of SAP Hybris, JSTL, JSP, LESS, jQuery

Previous Position

Excelian Ltd: Senior Consultant November 2017 - August 2018

As a Senior Consultant at Excelian, I worked with Angular 5 and React, with Typescript in an 'enterprise' environment. I was outsourced to companies such as Nordea and IHS Markit for various projects to offer expertise when the clients either lacked the capacity entirely or needed the additional resource.

Tech stack: TypeScript, Angular2, Angular5, RxJS, React, MobX, some Redux, d3, Bootstrap 4, SASS, Jest, SinonJS

Full Employment History

WME-IMG / IMG Gaming : Front-End Developer April 2017 - November 2017

Rejoined the IMG DGE team, a year after the DGE project was acquired from Livestream.

In parallel to this, I was working with the team who started a white label pay-per-view platform for sports (EPL, UFC) and TV services (S Sport, Turkey).

Tech stack: Vanilla JS, AngularJS, MySQL, React, AWS, SASS, Mocha/Karma

FIS Global / SunGard Financial Systems : UX/JS Developer July 2014 - March 2017

Kicked off the re-design and development of APT EnterpriseUI - part of a suite of Risk Management offerings from the Buy-Side AM area of FIS. Clients include HSBC, Aberdeen AM, RailPen, and more.

I worked on the full stack. KendoUI and Angular on the front-end. NodeJS (SailsJS) Socket.IO, RabbitMQ, MySQL on the server side. WebDriverIO and Bamboo for testing.

Tech stack: Vanilla JS, SailsJS, Node, MySQL, AngularJS, KendoUl, ChartJS, LESS, RabbitMQ, IDP Implementation, Mocha/Karma

TOAD: Contract Lead Front-End Developer June 2014 - March 2015

Worked on Global {M} website. Built the MVP of a peer-to-peer accumulator style sports gambling application called Play Steak. This was eventually renamed to Goalmouth.

Tech stack: Vanilla JS, Node, MySQL, Enetpulse (WME IMG DDE), AngularJS, LESS

Livestream: Dev lead & Front-End Developer July 2013 - June 2014

Worked with IMG to build a Digital Gaming Exchange (DGE) where broadcasters and sports gambling services could purchase rights to individual sports games. Built on Google App Engine, using Angular, d3 and lots of real-time data with PubNub. Spent time working in Ukraine in company hackathons and managing a globally distributed team.

Tech stack: Vanilla JS, Node, MySQL, Google App Engine, d3, AngularJS, LESS, Bootstrap

Reactive: Permanent Senior Front-End Developer February 2013 - July 2013

Projects: Tesco Real Food, BA High Life, BA Business Life, Newsgator.com, Intelligent Energy UP (portable hydrogen fuel cell). Other duties include liaising with the Managing Director directly to find, interview, and shortlist new developers. Shortly after joining Reactive I was headhunted to join Livestream.

Tech stack: Vanilla JS, .NET Environment, LESS

Guxvu Ltd: Self-Employed August 2011 - January 2013

Worked at various companies while I was contracting, doing full site builds for the likes of Share.com,
Deutsche Bank, British Gas, BT Wifi, BT Global Services, IHG Merlin, Massey Ferguson, O2 Priority, iTunes
Festival, Thomson Reuters, Activia, Heinz, IMEX, Irish Beef, Capita, Absolut Vodka, Nescafe, Sony Ericsson,
Douwe Egberts, Peugeot, Unilever and Volkswagen. Here are a few notable companies I worked on behalf;

Rufus Leonard : August 2012 - January 2013

• M&C Saatchi : July 2012 - August 2012

• Insinctif: June 2012

Agency Republic : June 2012

Haygarth : April 2012

Electric Hummingbird : February 2012

Bostock & Pollit: January 2012 - February 2012

• Spinnaker Direct : January 2012

Crayon: November 2011 - December 2011
The Team: October 2011 - November 2011

MediaCom : October 2011

The Mill: September 2011 - October 2011

Havas (Formerly known as EHS Brann 4D): August 2011 - October 2011

Iris Digital: Permanent Front-End Developer January 2010 - August 2011
 Various projects for Sony Ericsson, Volkswagen, Unilever and others

Candi: Permanent Junior Front-End Developer June 2008 - December 2009

Morrisons, John Lewis Fashion launch

dotGroup Plc (formerly known as Ellipsis Media): Permanent Junior Front-End Developer March 2007 - February 2008

Side Projects

I like tinkering in my spare time, playing with Philips Hue (ZigBee), AWS (Lambda), and messing about with other services in little projects to continuously improve my skillset. Some of the bigger projects are;

N/A: 2017-present - I built and maintain an anonymous review platform built with React (GatsbyJS), Typescript, Google Maps, Netlify, and AWS Lambda.

GetDarker: 2004-2014 worked with my brother on a platform pushing Dubstep music. Built and managed our own streaming network from scratch, utilising 3gbps of dedicated bandwidth through WOWZA Media Server delivering live 'TV' broadcasts of DJs playing sets to a global audience. In 2004 we streamed RinseFM (at the time was a pirate radio station only available in London) over the Internet to help enable worldwide listeners. 2009 we worked on an audio file sharing service for artists and producers - similar to what SoundCloud has become today. Released various compilation albums over the years.

Trug: An IoT device that takes the smart-home to a whole new level of food and waste management using TensorFlow and Python.

guano: A small set of PHP scripts that abused Twitter APIs and amassed my account over 100k followers. (Has since declined to 30k).

sonos-nest-autostart: Automatically starts the Sonos when the Nest Camera detects we're home. Stops the music when it detects we are no longer home.

Awards

Sure Men Fast Cash Races (Iris Digital)

IPM gold award in the category for 'Healthcare, Fashion, Beauty' in 2012.

Case Study: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b75O6ksyvmw