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Profile

Highly focused, enthusiastic software developer with over 10 years experience. Strong team working and communication skills; including a high level of comfort when it comes to working with, and understanding business and technical requirements from end users.

Experience

LEAD FRONT END DEVELOPER, JP MORGAN CHASE – 2024-PRESENT

As the lead developer, I manage a team of eight developers, overseeing the design and implementation of robust UI libraries featuring reusable components, design patterns, and business intelligence tools. I play a pivotal role in creating application scaffolds that enable teams to rapidly set up new applications while adhering to consistent patterns, streamlining the development process across the organisation.

In addition to my development responsibilities, I serve as one of the leads for the firm's Rick Technology space, driving innovation and best practices in UI development. I am also actively engaged in managing client relationships, mentoring team members, and promoting "sensible defaults" to ensure scalable and efficient application development. My role combines technical expertise, strategic leadership, and a commitment to fostering both individual and team growth.

LEAD FRONT END DEVELOPER, &OPEN – 2022-2024

Contributing to the development of a multi-tenant corporate gifting platform, I have helped enable companies to seamlessly deliver tailored and curated gifts to employees, clients, and other stakeholders. Employing React and TypeScript, I have participated in crafting a responsive, accessible, and secure application through the creation of a well-tested and documented custom component library, hooks, and functions. The platform showcases a versatile gift recipient interface, and personalised emails that adapt to each client's branding, fostering trust among recipients and emphasising the gifts' origins. In close collaboration with management, product, and design teams, I consistently strive to surpass client needs and expectations. As a proactive team member, I have confidently led initiatives, mentored colleagues, and contributed to shaping the company's strategic direction.

SENIOR FRONT END DEVELOPER, EVOTIX – 2021-2022

Worked on the next generation of the company's health and safety application. Using React/TypeScript to build a responsive, modern and secure application. This involved building a component library to transform JSON into complex forms using a bespoke renderer, which can be used by the client to create custom forms, with strong considerations to accessibility, language and simplicity. Working alongside the product and UX teams to meet customer needs and expectations.

SENIOR FRONT END DEVELOPER, JP MORGAN CHASE – 2019-2020

Building an Electron based desktop platform for Windows, which is used by multiple development teams and end users across the firm. Using Typescript, React and Redux and OpenFin to power the platform, which offers advanced layout capabilities, and client-side interoperability.

FRONT END DEVELOPER, JP MORGAN CHASE – 2018-2019

Worked to build a modern and responsive GraphQL playground, and an aggregated company news application, with the end-user in mind. I also worked with the UX team to host usability sessions to determine end-user's expectations and needs. Building React component library for other development teams in the firm to use. Training team members up on front end technologies.

FULL STACK DEVELOPER, JP MORGAN CHASE – 2016-2018

Full stack developer with other responsibilities including: discussing business requirements with end users on a global scale, making design decisions for the project, handling deployments and maintaining stability of application environments, and working with, and managing Scrum and agile methodologies. Training new team members.

FRONT END DEVELOPER/QA AUTOMATION ENGINEER, JP MORGAN CHASE – 2014-2016

Key point of contact for designing —utilising wireframes and proof of concepts— and implementing the application front end to meet end user needs.

Development of a comprehensive, automated end-to-end test suite. Leveraging the power of Selenium and embracing BDD principles.

Education

Computer Games Software Development (BSc Honours) • September 2010 - May 2014

Skills

I have experience with the following technologies/frameworks:

- JavaScript
- Redux
- React
- HTML5
- CSS / SCSS / LESS

- GraphQL
- TypeScript
- Photoshop
- Jest / Vitest
- React Testing Library

- Tailwindcss
- Next.js
- Storybook
- Figma
- Cypress

Interests

Photography - I am currently a freelance photographer working mainly in portrait, fashion, and sports work. This requires me to manage my own website, social media accounts, manage finances, and work with clients independently.

Videography - In my spare time I work as a camera operator for various professional wrestling promotions, this includes working for such companies as WWE and ICW.

Wrestling - I was previously a student at the Glasgow Pro Wrestling Asylum. This required a lot of physical ability, mental focus, and discipline.

Karate - I was previously part of a Karate club for 12 years, where I achieved the level of black belt.

Music - I enjoy playing both the guitar and the drums. Both of which I have been playing since 2004. I was a member of a band playing live concerts and recording original material.

References

Available upon request.