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Frontend Engineer | Riga, Latvia

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Skills + Expertise Overview :

HTML, CSS(CSS preprocessors/CSS-in-JS/Tailwind), CMS theming & set-up (WordPress, Shopify, Contentful, DatoCMS, etc), GitHub/Git (using Terminal), JavaScript, React, Next, Gatsby, AWS Amplify, Netlify, JS APIs to retrieve and parse XML/JSON data, GraphQL, Rest API, PWA, JAMstack. Building customer-facing UI/UX (client-side performance) across multiple devices, web views, and browsers.

Other Skills + Working Knowledge :

Various HTML & JavaScript frameworks, eCommerce / corporate / start-up environment experience, SEO & design background which helps with communication and clear expectations, clean code for ease of collaboration, Various IDE programs (VSCode preferred, SublimeText or similar). Figma/Sketch for wireframing, viewing, and collaborating with designers on their concepts. Strong sense of ownership and drive, experience in advertising. Video editing with FCP. Broad knowledge of adobe illustrator, lightroom and photoshop.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Sr. Frontend Software Engineer (PWA) : Vigo Health Riga, Latvia (remote) : **Mar 22 - Present**

- Built a progressive web application same as the current IOS app.
- Used existing APIs to connect the backend to the frontend. (Understanding the functionality of API and clearly defining the scope of the program.)
- Used postman to communicate with the database(MySQL).
- Translated Figma design files to React and built responsive/adaptive, component-based UI.
- Used Agile and Scrum methodologies.
- Worked on maintenance of daily test and bug reports.

Sr. Frontend Software Engineer(AWS) : PurpleBox Inc Atlanta, GA (remote) : **Jun 21 - Feb 22**

- Rebuilt, developed, and maintained frontend with new designs for both new and existing products.
- Used AWS Apmlify, GraphQL with JavaScript and React components (aktinum.com, trustlokr.com, artichokee.com).
- Coordinated and communicated seamlessly across other DevOps and Marketing teams.
- Maintained & created process and procedure documentation.
- Guided in the design process while aiding with expertise in design standards.
- Keep assets organized and optimized.
- Marketing website developed by following Google's web vital design and patterns.
- Developed SEO strategies to improve SERP positions for targeted keywords; analyze and recommend website architecture changes.

Sr. Frontend Software Engineer : Findaso Istanbul, Turkey (remote) : **Mar 21 - Jun 21**

- Maintains & updates older pages and code (Sass + JavaScript).
- Collaborates with product, design, backend, and other team members.
- Problem-solved HTML/CSS layout and size constraint issues & created unique solutions.
- Translated Adobe XD files with near pixel perfection.
- Contributed to private GitLab repositories.

Frontend Developer (Growth): Freelance

Izmir, Turkey (remote) : **Jan 17 - Jun 21**

- Created JAMstack apps for high-volume traffic websites, emails, landing pages, and microsites.
 - Provided new features and functionality for existing sites.
 - Managed multiple deadlines and consistently delivered creatives on target and in a timely manner.
 - Transformed highly complex concepts/data into simple, user-friendly designs with a strong eye for usability, layout & information hierarchy.
 - Worked on a wide range of projects to build prototype user interface layouts for usability testing, client review, and sales demonstrations, as well as serving as a knowledge resource for the latest trends in SEO and technologies for web standards-based user interface development.
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WHO AM I :

I'm fueled by competition and learning. I like coding because I enjoy the idea of creating something from nothing, and solving problems. I am passionate about clean code, and I am always open to feedback on how to improve. I have a background in search engine optimization and web/print design, this has all helped me learn so much about why collaboration is important for a product that everyone can be proud of. I have enjoyed the front-end side of development for over 4 years now, and my background in design helps with my ability to improve and anticipate certain design and UI/UX requirements. I am working towards obtaining a full-stack background in web app development. You will usually find me squinting at my screen moving some pixels around, or hanging out in Riga with my friends. My current interests lie in researching ways to bring accessibility into the work I do across the web to continue to try to be all-inclusive in my work.

EDUCATION + COURSES :

- **University of Selcuk : BA, Economics**

Sep 12 - Jun 18

- The Complete JavaScript (Jonas Schmedtmann)
 - JavaScript | MDN - Mozilla
 - JavaScript30 (Wes Bos)
 - Epic React by Kent C. Dodds
 - Next.js with AWS Amplify (Nader Dabit)
 - FreeCodeCamp
 - W3Schools
 - Gatsby JS with Firebase, Shopify, WordPress CMS (Tom Phillips)
 - Git a Web Developer Job: Mastering the Modern Workflow (Brad Schiff) - Learn With Jason
 - The Great Gatsby Bootcamp (Andrew Mead)
 - Google Digital Garage Certificate
 - Ultimate Google Ads Training: Profit with Pay Per Click (Isaac Rudansky)
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