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Summary

Senior Frontend Engineer with 8+ years building scalable, high-performance web applications, working at the intersection of product, design, and AI. Experienced leading complex frontend initiatives end to end, collaborating closely with product, design, and backend teams. Skilled at evaluating and refining AI-generated code against architectural standards and long-term maintainability, not just accepting it at face value. Strong advocate for clean, maintainable code, thoughtful UX, and mentoring engineers.

Skills

Frontend: TypeScript, React, Next.js, [Vue.js](https://vuejs.org/), TailwindCSS, ShadCN

AI-assisted development: Claude Code, Claude Design, OpenCode, Cursor

Architecture: Micro-frontends, Monorepos (Lerna), Design Systems

State & Data: React Query, Zustand, Redux, GraphQL

Backend: Node.js, Golang, Python

Databases: PostgreSQL, MySQL, MongoDB

Testing: Jest, Vitest, React Testing Library

Observability & Debugging: Datadog, Sentry, New Relic

Experience

Senior Frontend Developer — RELEX Solutions | 05/2025 - 04/2026 | Stockholm, Sweden | Remote

- Evolved an initial AI-generated ("vibe-coded") concept into a scalable, production-ready feature in close collaboration with design - evaluating and refining AI output against product requirements, architectural standards, and long-term maintainability.
- Led two complex frontend epics end to end, owning planning, technical requirements, implementation, and delivery while aligning closely with backend, product, and design stakeholders.
- Onboarded a new frontend engineer by guiding him through the codebase, workflows, and team expectations, accelerating ramp-up and supporting a smooth team integration.
- Participated in the fire chief rotation, investigating performance issues beyond my immediate domain and supporting teams across the product while deepening my understanding of the broader system.
- Delivered full-stack tickets aligned with personal learning goals, strengthening backend understanding and reinforcing an end-to-end, T-shaped engineering skill set.

Software Engineer, Web — Cognizant Romania | 09/2021 - 05/2024 | Bucharest, Romania | Remote

- Designed and implemented a micro-frontend architecture to enhance scalability and maintainability in a large-scale application.
- Worked with monorepo architecture using Lerna, streamlining development for a 50+ engineer team and improving efficiency.
- Ensured code quality through unit/integration testing and code reviews, identifying potential bugs before production.
- Collaborated cross-functionally with product managers, designers, and backend teams to deliver user-centric solutions, integrating REST APIs, analytics, error tracking, and payment gateways.

Frontend Developer and Designer — Code of Talent | 12/2020 - 08/2021 | Bucharest, Romania | Remote

- Designed and implemented frontend architecture for a new application, ensuring scalability, usability, and seamless API integrations.
- Optimized user experience by simplifying user flows, developing onboarding prototypes, and implementing a guided product tour to improve conversion rates.
- Facilitated cross-team collaboration, working with marketing, sales, product, and design to translate business needs into technical solutions.
- Led Agile ceremonies, including daily standups, sprint planning, and retrospectives, ensuring efficient project execution.

Earlier Experience

- Frontend Developer — Easytranslate | 09/2019 – 11/2020 | Copenhagen, Denmark
 - Frontend Developer — Grandhood | 07/2018 – 08/2019 | Copenhagen, Denmark
 - Frontend Developer and Designer — Wiredelta | 06/2017 – 07/2018 | Copenhagen, Denmark
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Education

- Bachelor's Degree in Web Development — KEA Copenhagen School of Design and Technology | 2019 - 2020 | Copenhagen, Denmark
 - Academy Profession in Multimedia Design and Communication — KEA Copenhagen School of Design and Technology | 2015 - 2017 | Copenhagen, Denmark
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Certifications & writing

- Mastering Algorithms and Data Structures in Javascript | CodeSignal | 2024
- Introduction to Programming with Python | CodeSignal | 2024
- Author at **stefsdevnotes.substack.com**, covering frontend topics, performance, and scalable architectures.
- Collaborated with other engineers and publications on technical writing and shared learnings across the technical community