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Summary

As a front-end engineer with a passion for coding and a love for technology, I thrive in the fast-paced environment of web development. With over 8 years of development experience, I've grown my skills in VueJS, ReactJS, NuxtJS and NextJS. I am a strong digital professional with experience in leading projects with end-to-end solutions, mentoring other developers, and working with stakeholders to deliver solutions that suit their needs.

With a focus on front-end development and a dedication to staying current with the latest technologies and trends, I am always seeking new challenges and opportunities to grow my skills. When I'm not coding, you can find me sipping on a cup of coffee, indulging in youtube videos, or watching a good movie or series.

Experience



Front-end Engineer

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Apr 2022 - Present (1 year 5 months)

Tools: Nextjs | Reactjs | Nestjs | Express | PostgresSQL | Docker | AWS | GitHub

Responsibility: Planning and developing and maintaining web systems that are fast, stable, secure, easy to use, and highly available. I take a strong focus on usability for clients in the region, as well as developer experience for team members.

Impact: Streamlined internal systems and services with use of web based dashboards, systems and processes. Total rebuild of public facing website, delivering a marketable space for the brand that is easy to use and conforms to the latest web and SEO standards. Introduced frontend testing methodologies and systems to ensure system stability throughout the release process.



Front-end Developer

Afrihost

Oct 2020 - Apr 2022 (1 year 7 months)

Tools: VueJS | NodeJS | Laravel | PHP | MySQL | Baremetal Servers | Linux | GitLab

Responsibility: Developing easy to use systems, client-facing, with pixel-perfect adaptation from a skilled design team. Project planning and delegating work to a team of front-end developers. Working with backend teams and business critical data, making sure that sensitive user information is safely handled.

Impact: Streamlined client onboarding with development of new features. Streamlined Internal systems and processes by developing bespoke systems that the whole team uses. Successfully launched multiple business critical marketing campaigns, and product landing pages.



TBWA\ South Africa

Aug 2017 - Oct 2020 (3 years 3 months)

Developer

Jan 2016 - Jul 2017 (1 year 7 months)

Front and back-end development of Web and mobile based applications.

Freelance Web Developer

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2013 - 2015 (2 years)

Back and front-end development of websites for small business owners and bloggers.

Intern

Jun 2013 - Jun 2013 (1 month)

Three-day basic internship engaging with team members and projects.

Education

University of Pretoria/Universiteit van Pretoria

Bachelor of Information Science, Multimedia 2012 - 2015

Skills

TypeScript • PHP • Laravel • Next.js • I18n • Front-end Development • JavaScript • SASS • Node.js • Vue.js