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## Senior Frontend Engineer

Frontend specialist with 6+ years' experience delivering scalable, high-performance web applications across startups and enterprise environments. Strong focus on modern React ecosystems, architecture, and developer experience. Proven track record leading frontend initiatives, driving best practices, and delivering measurable business impact.

### Core Skills

- **Frontend:** React, Next.js, TypeScript, React Native
  - **Testing:** Jest, React Testing Library, Playwright
  - **Cloud & Tools:** Azure, AWS, Contentful, Storybook
  - **Practices:** Performance optimisation, accessibility, CI/CD, agile delivery
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## Experience

### Senior Frontend Engineer

**AND Digital** | Sep 2022 – Present

- Led frontend delivery across multiple high-profile clients including banking, media, and e-commerce
- Led a frontend team at Lloyds Banking Group's commercial onboarding platform, migrating a legacy system to a cloud-based architecture while delivering new features
- Played a key role in discovery, architecture, and delivery of a new mobile app and website for The Observer using React Native and Next.js
- Built a CMS migration tool using Next.js and Contentful, improving content workflows and reducing manual effort
- Delivered technical presentations and workshops to both internal teams and client stakeholders
- Contributed to engineering standards, improving code quality, testing practices, and team productivity

**Tech:** React, Next.js, TypeScript, React Native, Azure, Node.js, Jest, Playwright

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### Software Engineer

**GoCity** | Sep 2019 – Sep 2022

- Rebuilt the core customer-facing platform using Next.js and TypeScript, significantly improving performance and SEO
- Designed and implemented a checkout micro-frontend, enabling independent deployment and faster iteration
- Created and scaled a company-wide Storybook design system, improving UI consistency and developer efficiency
- Introduced end-to-end testing with Playwright, increasing confidence in releases
- Actively contributed to architecture design reviews and technical decision-making

**Tech:** React, Next.js, TypeScript, Redux Toolkit, Storybook, Playwright

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### **Junior Full Stack Developer**

**Yorlet** | Dec 2018 – Sep 2019

- Built UI features and API endpoints for a property management platform
- Worked within a microservices architecture, gaining strong foundations in scalable system design
- Contributed across the stack, strengthening React and Node.js expertise

**Tech:** React, Next.js, Node.js, MongoDB

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### **Web Developer**

**WCRS** | Jul 2017 – Dec 2018

- Delivered front-end updates for global product pages for a major tech client
  - Worked in a fast-paced environment resolving UI/UX issues across internationalised content
  - Collaborated directly with client stakeholders, including on-site visits
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### **Education**

#### **General Assembly**

Web Development Immersive | 2017

#### **University of Leeds**

BA (Hons) Sociology | 2013

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### **Additional Highlights**

- Experience working across startup and enterprise environments
- Strong communicator with experience presenting to both technical and non-technical stakeholders
- Passionate about clean code, performance, and user experience