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SUMMARY

Frontend Engineer with expertise in **React**, **React Native**, **NextJS**, and **TypeScript** with a foundation in Graphic Design. I have a proven track record of leading projects and a keen interest in exploring **NodeJS**, **Web3**, **fintech**, and the **property market**. Beyond my professional work, I have enjoyed developing and publishing independent games.

EXPERIENCE

Zepz   **Jul 2023 - Mar 2025**

Frontend Engineer (Next.js + TypeScript + GraphQL + Spring Boot)

- Contributed to the WorldRemit marketing site. This involved using Contentful for content management and a NextJS frontend that retrieved content via a GraphQL endpoint.
- Led the migration of the Sendwave marketing site from Webflow to Contentful and NextJS. I managed this project, including delegating tasks to a supporting developer.
- Moved to the FinCrime team in a full-stack capacity (Java Spring Boot) to decommission the costly external service, Control Money. This role also included project management responsibilities.

Trixta   **Jul 2022 - Jun 2023**

Frontend Engineer (React + React Native + TypeScript)

- Contributed to a client's social media app built with React Native.
- Contributed to the development of the Trixta IDE client and expanded its functionality using the tool.
- Utilised React JSON Schema Forms to generate content, which was then presented and edited as visual flows within the Trixta IDE.

Signapps   **Dec 2020 - Jun 2022**

Frontend Engineer (React + Next.js)

- Contributed to an admin portal with development of new features and deployments.
- Contributed to a NextJS project designed to embed web pages within a native application. Also managed deployments using Vercel.
- Led a project to rebuild an existing form builder, resulting in a simplified technical implementation and improved maintainability.

PaySpace   **Feb 2018 - Jul 2020**

UI Designer / Frontend Developer (Vue.js, TypeScript + SASS + C#)

- Led the UI cleanup of the frontend, addressing performance issues caused by an out-of-the-box admin theme. This involved completely removing the theme and developing custom, advanced interface components to improve speed and usability.
- Collaborated with key stakeholders to enhance system usability by designing screens and UI elements.

Urbian   **Nov 2015 - Jan 2018**

Frontend Developer (Knockout.js + Angular + SASS)

A small startup company specialising in product development, creating products for clients as well as developing our own.

EOH Coastal   **Feb 2015 - Nov 2015**
Frontend Developer (Knockout.js + LESS + ASP.net MVC + C#)

As part of a dedicated team, I contributed to Old Mutual Wealth projects by building calculators for their financial advisors.

Digitas Liquorice - Sanlam   **Jun 2013 - Feb 2015**
Frontend Developer (SharePoint + jQuery + CSS3)

As part of a dedicated team, I contributed to Sanlam projects. After Sanlam's CI re-brand, we developed their sites in SharePoint and implemented responsive design using HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript, and jQuery.

Fresh Media   **Feb 2012 - May 2013**
Web Designer

Laragh Courseware   **Apr 2010 - Jan 2012**
Flash Designer

Clay Ant Creative   **Feb 2008 - Apr 2010**
Web Designer

EDUCATION

Udemy
Online Courses
- Java Masterclass (2025)
- NextJS 15 & React - The Complete Guide (2025)
- GraphQL with React (2023)
- React, NodeJS, Express & MongoDB (2023)
- Cypress test automation for people in a hurry (2022)
- React Testing with Jest and Enzyme (2022)
- Understanding TypeScript (2020)
- React - The Complete Guide (2019)

Brightfire   **2008**
Designing Websites for Business Success

Rosebank College   **2005 - 2007**
Diploma in Graphic Design

APPENDIX - SKILLS & EXPERTISE

Languages	JavaScript, TypeScript, Java, CSS
Frameworks & Libraries	React, React Native, Next.js, Spring Boot, TailwindCSS, Material UI
Technical Skills & Tools	VS Code, Github Desktop, Git, Jira, Vercel, Contentful, JSON, Swagger, Postman, GraphQL, RESTful API
CSS Preprocessors and Methodologies	CSS, SASS, LESS
Testing	Cypress, Jest, React Testing Library, Mockito, JUnit, Spring Test, Spring Boot Test
Leadership & Collaboration	Continuous Learning, Collaboration, Mentoring junior developers, Leading code reviews, Delegating tasks and managing projects, Accountability, Agile (Scrum, Kanban), Team Leadership, Cross-Functional Collaboration, Cross-Cultural Communication, Effective Communication, Problem-Solving, Critical Thinking, Adaptability