ARNO VAN STADEN

FRONTEND ENGINEER

Overview

- 24/01/1994
- South African
- Berlin

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Languages

- English (Native)
- Afrikaans (Native)
- German (B1)

Skills

- HTML
- CSS (SASS)
- TypeScript
- React
- Next.js
- Node.js
- REST/GraphQL
- SQL
- Figma
- Git
- Jest

Introduction

As a seasoned Senior Frontend Engineer, I have a proven history of taking the lead on critical web-based projects, setting technological directions, and guaranteeing outstanding user experiences. My collaborative approach has allowed me to seamlessly work alongside various teams, consistently producing cutting-edge and user-focused solutions. From prototyping unique MVPs to overhauling entire platforms, I approach each challenge with passion and precision.

Experience

Jul 2021 - Present — Tandem Language Exchange — Berlin, Germany

Senior Frontend Engineer

- **Elevated Leadership:** Stepped into a prominent role in technology selection, work prioritisation, and backlog management, often resembling the responsibilities of a product owner or manager for web-based projects.
- **Strategic Impact:** Played a crucial role in shaping Tandem's web presence, ensuring not only maintenance but also the enhancement of the platform's functionality and user experience.

Jul 2021 - Jul 2023 — Tandem Language Exchange — Berlin, Germany

Frontend Engineer

- **Website & Web App Overhaul:** Led the refactoring of the company website and oversaw the complete redevelopment & redesign of the web application, supporting thousands of daily users with the latest web technologies.
- **Admin Dashboard Refactoring:** Rebuilt a rudimentary admin interface into a user-centric full-stack application from the ground up, delivering a more intuitive, modern, and user-friendly experience.
- **Cross-Functional Collaboration:** Worked hand-in-hand with product, design, and marketing teams, transforming creative concepts into technical solutions using a diverse tech stack like TypeScript, React, and Next.js.
- **Rapid Prototyping:** Led the swift development of MVPs for experimentation and feasibility testing. In addition, implemented web-based solutions for special, niche projects and use cases, thereby maximising the potential of the web platform.

Apr 2018 - Jul 2021 — Freelance — Cape Town, South Africa

Fullstack Engineer

- **Comprehensive Development:** Managed the complete development lifecycle, ensuring websites and applications were responsive, cross-browser compatible, and seamlessly integrated with robust backend systems.
- **Extensive Portfolio Development:** Starting from foundational skills in HTML, CSS, and vanilla JS, I've delivered 45+ diverse websites and applications leveraging Next.js, React, TypeScript, and CSS modules.
- **Building Client Trust:** Fostered enduring partnerships with 40+ clients, with repeat engagements underscoring consistent quality and trustworthiness.
- **Client-Centric Solutions:** Worked closely with clients to align projects with their brand and objectives, translating designs into fully functional digital platforms.

Education

2015 - 2017 — University Of Stellenbosch — Stellenbosch, South Africa

Bachelor Of Informatics

2013 - 2015 — University Of Stellenbosch — Stellenbosch, South Africa

Bachelor Of Accounting