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Senior Frontend Engineer

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Senior Frontend Engineer with 7+ years building production web apps in React, Next.js (App Router) and TypeScript. I focus on frontend architecture, reusable component systems, and performance. I built a shared UI library that cut project launch time by 40%, a scaffolding CLI that cut delivery cost by 80%, and raised Lighthouse scores from 70 to 90. I also work with Directus, GraphQL, and Nx monorepos, and I've led a small team when the role called for it.

SKILLS

Core: React, Next.js (App Router, Server Components, SSR), TypeScript, JavaScript, HTML5, CSS3, Astro

UI: Tailwind CSS, shadcn/ui, Sass, Design Systems, Accessibility (WCAG), Responsive Design

Data: GraphQL (Apollo), REST, React Query, Redux, Zustand, Directus CMS

Tooling: Nx Monorepos, Node.js, Vite, Webpack, Vercel, Cloudflare, CI/CD, Git, Jest, React Testing Library

WORK EXPERIENCE

Frontend Team Lead 02/2025 – Present
United Remote *Gzira, Malta (Hybrid)*

- Built an internal Node.js and TypeScript CLI (Nx, interactive prompts, automated Git setup), published to our private registry, that scaffolds new casino frontends from template repos. Replaced a manual copy-and-clean-up workflow, cutting delivery time and cost by 80%.
- Built and maintain a shared React and TypeScript component library, used as a private npm package across multiple brands, cutting new project launch time by 40%.
- Raised Lighthouse from 70 to 90 by reworking caching, moving key pages to server-side rendering with prefetching, rendering the hero slider's first slide as a static image before hydration for a faster LCP, and serving images through Cloudflare's CDN.
- Designed the frontend architecture and the Directus headless CMS setup behind a multi-brand casino platform (3 live brands plus 2 legacy casinos), used by thousands of users.
- Led a team of 5: set code review standards, Next.js checklists, SOPs, sprint planning, and ran monthly 1:1s.

Senior Frontend Developer 01/2024 – 01/2025
United Remote *Gzira, Malta (Hybrid)*

- Built and maintained casino web apps with Next.js, Astro, React, and TypeScript.
- Designed the UI contract for the API gateway and built the GraphQL data layer for fetching, caching, and state.
- Modeled Directus CMS collections and integrated them into Next.js and Astro frontends.
- Reviewed and merged pull requests and split up frontend tasks for the team.

Lead Frontend Engineer 11/2023 – 07/2026
Kintsu (Part-time contract) *Remote*

- Led frontend for a liquid staking protocol on Monad from build through mainnet, using React, Next.js, TypeScript, Wagmi, and Privy.
- Architected dual access paths: non-custodial wallet staking for anonymous users, and authenticated custodial wallets through Supabase and DFNS.
- Built a shared UI component library as a private npm package and ran headless CMS and SEO work that brought the site into the top five Google results for its category.

Senior Frontend Developer 05/2022 – 12/2023
Gain Changer *Sliema, Malta*

- Architected and published a private React component library as an npm package, cutting new project setup time by 80% and moving the team to component-driven development.
- Led early adoption of Next.js App Router and React Server Components.
- Migrated legacy frontends to React, Next.js, and TypeScript, and set typed API contracts with backend teams.
- Led code reviews and managed frontend tasks in Agile sprints.

Senior Frontend Developer 12/2021 – 04/2022
Just Results *Remote*

- Led a frontend team building ZForm, a government transactions app for Tunisian citizens and businesses.
- Built the app's core features in React and TypeScript and designed the UI's API contracts with the backend team.

Frontend Developer 05/2021 – 04/2022
Uncle Bill's *Remote*

- Rebuilt the UI of an Epicor-based e-commerce site and a WordPress blog, adding product filtering and navigation for a large category catalog.

Frontend Developer 01/2019 – 04/2021
Charmant Perfume *Remote*

- Built a mobile-first e-commerce UI and a custom CSS framework from scratch.

PROJECTS

LienDone: B2B SaaS automating construction lien waivers. Built the full frontend, turning complex multi-step workflows into a simple UI. Next.js, TypeScript.

FillWizard: Automated PDF form filling with multi-language field mapping and reusable identity profiles. Next.js, TypeScript, Tailwind CSS.

Portfolio: Built with Astro and Tailwind CSS, with technical case studies and articles.

EDUCATION

Front-End Web Developer Nanodegree 2019 – 2020
Udacity

JavaScript Algorithms and Data Structures 2019
freeCodeCamp

Master's Degree in Insurance 2011 – 2013
University of Oran, Algeria