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Profile

I'm an experienced web developer with over **10 years of experience**. I have strong skills and a high interest in **front-end development**. I also have a passion for photography, which gives me an eye for detail. I love web and digital design, and I have decent knowledge of web usability, user interface/experience (UI/UX), and accessibility.

I hold a master's degree in computer science with a specialisation in Artificial Intelligence. I have worked both as a member of a web team and independently managing projects. I have experience working remotely in English, Spanish, and Slovak environments, as well as being part of a full-time office-based team.

I am eager and ambitious to learn new concepts, technologies, and ideas. I am a creative, communicative, and active person. I have a perfectionist mindset, which allows me to focus on small details. I am open to change, always keen to learn and stay updated with new technologies and trends. I am also willing to develop my skills and contribute to your team.

Work Experience

Full-Stack Senior Developer
Quickly Hire/Self Employed

[May 2023 – Present]

- Bespoke WordPress builds according to the client's specifications.
- React.js/Next.js full-stack development.
- Tech stack: TypeScript, Jest, Next.js, React.js, Tailwind CSS, MDX, WordPress...

Senior Front-End Developer
AppScenic Ltd.

[February 2021 – February 2023]

- All things front-end and UX/UI.
- Responsible for client-side-related decisions.
- Work hand in hand with designers and back-end developers.
- Revise UX/UI and mock-ups, provide improvements, and complete front-end rework realisation.

Lead/Senior WordPress Full Stack Developer
H2O Creative Communications Ltd.

[April 2019 – January 2021]

- Deliver custom web solutions built from scratch on WordPress.
- Extend the functionality of existing WordPress solutions.
- Migrate existing websites (blogs) to WordPress.
- DevOps and CI/CD.
- Work hand in hand with designers to deliver improved solutions.
- Lead the team.

Senior Front-End Developer
MadeByPi LLP

[November 2018 – April 2019]

- Lead front-end team.
- Deliver bespoke web solutions built on WordPress, Drupal, and Laravel.
- Maintain existing PHP-based web solutions.
- Front-end solutions.

WordPress Full Stack Developer
H2O Creative Communications Ltd.

[November 2017 – November 2018]

- Deliver custom web solutions built on WordPress.
- Extend the functionality of existing WordPress solutions.
- Migrate existing websites (blogs) to WordPress.
- Front-end solutions.

Freelance Full Stack Developer

[September 2014 – October 2017]

- I have developed custom-designed responsive websites built on the WordPress platform using front-end CSS frameworks like Bootstrap 3/4, Susy, and front-end development tools such as Webpack, Gulp, Bower, and BrowserSync.
- Setup and administration of the WordPress template websites.
- Migrated legacy CMS to WordPress CMS.

Web & eCommerce Coordinator
Grand Hotel Kempinski High Tatras, Slovakia

[August 2015 – April 2016]

- Responsible for managing online and offline hotel reputation and promotion in an English-speaking environment.
- Hotel website migration from SilverStripe CMS to Umbraco CMS.
- Search engine optimisation, website analytics.
- Email marketing and social media administration.
- Graphics of all hotel articles (digital/printed) and in-house prints.

Web developer and MS Office trainer
University of Comenius, Bratislava, Slovakia

[October 2011 – July 2014]

- Responsible for all front-end development-related tasks as a member of the web team, including maintenance of various websites and applications, as well as graphic-related tasks.
- Preparation and execution of MS Office courses for university employees.
- MSSQL database-related tasks: data correction, updates and analysis.

Education

Master's degree in Computer Science

[September 2010 - June 2014]

- Master's degree in Computer Science program (specialisation: **Artificial Intelligence**) at the Faculty of Mathematics, Physics and Informatics.
- **Master's Thesis:** A Comparison of the Properties of Word Webs Constructed from Different Technical and Non-Technical Texts.
- Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia

Bachelor's degree in Computer Science program

[September 2007 - June 2010]

- Bachelor's degree in Computer Science program at the Faculty of Mathematics, Physics, and Informatics.
- **Final Thesis:** Research of a Brain Functional Networks.
- Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia

Other Experience

Cycling from Bratislava, Slovakia to A Coruña, Spain

[August - September 2013]

- Self-supported cycling trip with a friend.
- Approximate distance 3,500km.
- Time: 24 days (including 2.5 days of rest).

Summer job: Assistant cook at Dyreparken, Norway

[June - August 2013]

- Working as an assistant cook at the restaurant that is part of an amusement park.
- Kitchen preparations, cleaning, cooking, baking, and grilling.
- Operating one of the largest BBQ grills in Europe.

Summer job: Sandwich artist, Subway, NC, USA

[June - September 2011]

- J-1 visa summer job at Subway in Kitty Hawk, Outer Banks, North Carolina, USA.
- Responsibilities: Serving clients, preps, baking, cleaning, cashier and closing store.

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Skills

Front-End: HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript, ES6, Ajax, jQuery, Sass, Less, Susy, Bootstrap 4, Laravel Blade templates, Tailwind CSS, Tailwind UI, BEM, React.js, Next.js, Sage, GWT, Material UI

Back-End: PHP, WordPress (Bedrock), MySQL, MSSQL, Apache, Laravel, Trellis, JAVA, Ansible, React.js, Next.js, GraphQL, Apollo

Graphics/Design: Adobe Creative Suite, preparation of print materials

Teamwork and others: Agile, Scrum, GIT, SVN, GitHub, Bitbucket, GitLab, cmd/unix

Testing: Jest, React Testing Library, PHPUnit

Website administration: WordPress, Typo3, SilverStripe, Umbraco, Drupal

Non-commercial experience: Prisma, photography and digital post-production, photo retouch

Language skills: Fluent in English, Spanish, Czech and Slovak (native language)

Others: Driving licence type B, rock and indoor climbing certificates

Interests

Cycling, photography, outdoor activities, graphic design, technology, healthy lifestyle etc.