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Senior Full-Stack Engineer

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Profiles

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Summary

Full-Stack Engineer with 10+ years of experience designing and delivering scalable web solutions. With a proven track record of building enterprise-grade applications for global clients in logistics, e-commerce, and media sectors. Transitioned from self-taught programming foundations to leading technical implementations as a Merkle DACH consultant, combining technical expertise with strategic client collaboration.

Experience

BetterFleets

Jan 2024 - May 2025

Software Engineer & Co-Founder

Remote

Solo-developed commercial SaaS products demonstrating full-stack expertise.

- **Designed and launched a production-grade application** from concept to deployment, handling architecture, UI/UX, and DevOps.
- **Built BetterFleets** using Next.js/TypeScript stack.
- Independently managed entire product lifecycle including market research, CI/CD pipelines, and GDPR-compliant infrastructure.

Merkle DACH

Oct 2019 - Nov 2023

Front-End Consultant

Merkle DACH

Leiria, Portugal (Hybrid)

- Led development of progressive web app with offline-first caching strategy
- Created component library using Atomic Design principles, reducing UI development time by 30% across projects
- Migrated 3 legacy React 16 apps, to React 18 with 100% test coverage

Freelance Software Engineer

Nov 2014 - Oct 2019

Software Engineer

Remote

Delivered full-stack solutions for media and entertainment clients:

- Built CMS-driven news portal serving 10k+ monthly visitors
- Engineered web radio platform with HTML5 audio player integration
- Developed ticket sales platform for a music festival

Education

Self-Directed CS Curriculum

2012 - Present

IT

Computer Science

Continuous professional development through industry practice and technical mentorship.

- Developed core competencies through 10,000+ hours of hands-on software engineering experience
- Established freelance development practice at 17, delivering 5+ client projects before full-time employment
- Pursued formal CS education (2017-2019) before transitioning to professional engineering roles

Projects

BetterFleets

Jan 2025 - Present

Vehicle Fleet Management Platform (In Development)

- https://betterfleets.io
- Developing SaaS solution for logistics optimization
- Implementing automated data retrieval and analysis
- Designing CI/CD pipeline using GitHub Actions for zero-downtime deployments

Next.js, TypeScript, Node.js, Tailwind, Playwright

Skills

Frontend

Backend

Tools

Vite

Misc

React, Next.js, TypeScript, Astro Node.js, REST APIs,

PostgreSQL, Go

Figma, GitHub Actions,

PWAs, WebSockets, Godot, AI/LLM

integration

Interests

Web Development

react, nextjs, astrojs, vite, AI

Game Development

UX Design

figma, gimp, photoshop

aseprite, godot, pixelart

Languages

Portuguese

Native

English

Fluent (C2 Proficient)

Spanish

Basic (B2 Business)

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