MICHAEL CICCARELLI

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Frontend-focused software engineer with 15+ years building web applications, product interfaces, and design systems across fintech, media, and commerce. Currently independent, partnering with designers, agencies, and product teams to take builds from design file to production.

Skills

Frontend: React, Next.js, TypeScript, design systems, data visualization
Animation & 3D: GSAP, Motion (Framer Motion), Lottie, Rive, Canvas, Three.js, WebGL
Backend & infrastructure: Node.js, PostgreSQL, GraphQL, Vercel, AWS, Cloudflare, Docker
Commerce, CMS & AI: Shopify, Stripe, Sanity, Payload, LLM integrations (OpenAI, Anthropic)

Experience

INDEPENDENT SOFTWARE ENGINEER — LAS VEGAS / REMOTE, 2025–PRESENT
- Own web application and product interface builds from architecture through deployment.
- Partner with designers and agencies on project and fractional headless commerce builds.
- Designed, built, and shipped Halloran, a real-time bankroll management app, as a solo product.

DESIGN ENGINEER, MODERN TREASURY — NEW YORK, 2024–2025
- Built responsive interfaces and reusable UI components for an enterprise fintech platform.
- Created design system components and motion patterns used across the platform.
- Integrated a headless CMS to give content teams a scalable publishing workflow.

SENIOR FRONTEND ENGINEER, METROPOLIS — BROOKLYN, 2022–2024
- Led frontend architecture for Web3 products, prioritizing usability and performance.
- Built metal.build, a smart contract deployment platform, and pod.xyz, DAO governance tooling.
- Shipped EVM-compatible dApps and Farcaster integrations for on-chain workflows.

SENIOR ENGINEER II, AXONI — NEW YORK, 2021–2022
- Built React applications, data visualizations, and a reusable UI library for fintech products.
- Shaped frontend architecture and component systems across internal and client-facing tools.

INDEPENDENT SOFTWARE ENGINEER — 2018–2021
- Freelance frontend and full-stack builds for startups, agencies, and brands.

LEAD FRONTEND ENGINEER, VICE MEDIA — BROOKLYN, 2014–2018
- Led a 10-person frontend team on VICE's publishing platform, serving millions of readers.
- Directed the migration from a legacy LAMP stack to a React-based frontend architecture.
- Established component systems and frontend standards that scaled across multiple brands.

WEB DEVELOPER, CONDÉ NAST — NEW YORK, 2012–2014
- Built responsive sites for GQ, Wired, and Architectural Digest.
- Partnered with creative teams and agencies on editorial features and digital campaigns.