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Design Engineer building web interfaces and product systems. 20+ years across fintech, media, and commerce. Focus on interaction-driven UI, design systems, and full-stack development across APIs and backend services. Currently running *third index*, a small design and engineering studio.

Skills

Frontend / UI: React, Next.js, TypeScript, modern CSS, component systems

Interaction: GSAP, Framer Motion, Three.js/WebGL

Backend & APIs: Node.js, Python, REST/GraphQL, SQL/NoSQL

Platforms & Tooling: Vercel, AWS, Cloudflare, Docker, Git

AI: LLM integrations, OpenAI, Claude

Domains: E-commerce (Stripe, Shopify), CMS (Sanity, Contentful), Web3

Experience

DESIGN ENGINEER, THIRD INDEX — 2025-PRESENT

- Founded and run a design and engineering studio focused on web platforms and product interfaces.
- Deliver end-to-end builds across the full stack — frontend, backend, infrastructure.
- Building bankroll.fyi, a bankroll management app for poker and sports betting.
- Operate as a solo principal across project work, retainers, and fractional engagements.

DESIGN ENGINEER, MODERN TREASURY — NEW YORK, 2024-2025

- Designed and built responsive interfaces and UI components for enterprise fintech platform.
- Developed design systems and motion patterns to improve consistency and interaction quality.
- Integrated headless CMS infrastructure to support scalable content workflows.

SENIOR FRONTEND ENGINEER, METROPOLIS — BROOKLYN, 2022-2024

- Built smart contract deployment platform (metal.build) and DAO governance tooling (pod.xyz).
- Developed EVM-compatible dApps and Farcaster integrations for on-chain workflows.
- Led frontend architecture for Web3 interfaces with emphasis on usability and performance.

SENIOR ENGINEER II, AXONI — NEW YORK, 2021-2022

- Developed React apps, data visualizations, and reusable UI libraries for fintech products.
- Contributed to frontend architecture and component systems for internal and client-facing tools.

LEAD FRONTEND ENGINEER, VICE MEDIA — BROOKLYN, 2014-2018

- Led frontend team of 10 building publishing platform serving millions across VICE properties.
- Directed migration from legacy LAMP stack to modern React-based frontend architecture.
- Established component systems and frontend standards enabling multi-brand scalability.

WEB DEVELOPER, CONDÉ NAST — NEW YORK, 2012-2014

- Built responsive sites for major publications including GQ, Wired, and Architectural Digest.
- Collaborated with creative teams and agencies on editorial experiences and digital campaigns.