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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Front-end developer with 10+ years of experience shipping digital products across web, mobile, and brand. Currently completing a B.S. in Web Development at DePaul, combining production-level design craft with hands-on engineering in React, TypeScript, and modern CSS. Experienced building component-driven UIs and internal tools used at scale, with a track record of translating complex requirements into clean, accessible, and performant interfaces.

EDUCATION

DePaul University

B.S. in Information Technology, Web Development Concentration. GPA: 3.5.

Relevant Coursework: Web Development I & II, Interactive Web Scripting, Applied OO Programming (C#), Data Structures & Algorithms, IT Infrastructure

Chicago, IL

Expected 2027

EXPERIENCE

Senior Graphic Designer

2023 – Present

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Chicago, IL

- Engineered a web-based market share flyer designer app used by agents company-wide, saving approximately 3 weeks of manual design work and enabling self-service branded output.
- Rebuilt and standardized the company-wide e-campaign template system, modernizing HTML/CSS structure and improving rendering consistency across email clients for thousands of agent sends.
- Piloted Framer as a no-code/low-code web platform to replace Squarespace, evaluating component architecture, CMS capabilities, and deployment workflows for enterprise adoption.
- Collaborated with marketing and engineering teams to produce and hand off responsive digital assets, bridging the gap between design intent and technical implementation.

Visual Designer

2013 – 2023

iCanvas

Chicago, IL

- Produced all digital channel assets across web, mobile, social, and email in strict adherence to brand standards.
- Built prototypes and handed off high-fidelity assets to the engineering team as part of a cross-functional effort introducing new UX features, contributing to a 75% year-over-year conversion increase.
- Created wireframes and low/high-fidelity mockups for new product features, maintaining quality standards through developer handoff.
- Partnered closely with engineering teams to ensure design intent was accurately implemented across all digital surfaces.

Founder & Front-End Developer

2025 – Present

Eighty8 Studio

- Founded and operate an independent studio delivering front-end development, web design, and brand identity for clients across multiple industries.
- Build and ship client projects using React, Tailwind CSS, and Framer, covering component architecture, Figma prototyping, design systems, and custom front-end development.

PROJECTS

Vroom vroom-fkabaklics-projects.vercel.app

Car Rental Platform

- Built a full-stack car rental platform using Node.js and JavaScript, featuring a backend system for vehicle inventory management, user authentication, and booking management with a RESTful API layer.
- Delivered a responsive, device-agnostic frontend with seamless search and browsing UX; deployed to Vercel with source hosted on GitHub.

SpoonfulMeals spoonfulmeals-941606.netlify.app

Recipe Sharing Platform

- Developed an interactive meal planning and recipe discovery platform using vanilla JavaScript (ES6+), featuring a dynamic DOM-driven UI, real-time search functionality, and responsive CSS Grid layout.
- Prioritized responsive design and intuitive UX to ensure an enjoyable browsing experience across all screen sizes; deployed to Netlify.

HealthSync

Glucose Monitor App

- Designed and developed a fully responsive website for a fictional continuous glucose monitor brand targeting diabetes patients and fitness enthusiasts, as a capstone project for IT 251.

- Built exclusively with CSS Flexbox and CSS Grid, no frameworks, achieving full responsiveness across mobile, tablet, and desktop viewports; developed complete brand identity including visual design, pricing UI, and resources pages.

SKILLS

Front-End: React, TypeScript, JavaScript (ES6+), HTML5, CSS3, Tailwind CSS, Node.js, REST APIs

Specialties: Component Architecture, Responsive Web Design, Design Systems, Accessibility (WCAG), UI/UX Prototyping, Cross-Browser Compatibility

Design Tools: Figma, Framer, Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign

Dev Tools: Git, GitHub, Vercel, Netlify, VS Code, npm