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HI 🙋 I'M MARKUS.

I help companies build and deliver digital products faster. Doing so, I like well written CSS. Working with designers and frontend developers. Creating design systems. Caring for a smooth workflow for my team. Exploring new technologies. Working with React or Vue.

WHAT I'VE WORKED ON SO FAR

Senior Frontend Engineer @ zolar GmbH – since 09/2022

Since September, I'm working at zolar to move the energy transition in Germany forward and fight climate change. I'm working with a React frontend app that functions as the project management tool for internal and external users to get solar roof tops done faster.

Senior Frontend Engineer (Freelance) – 06/2022 – 08/2022

At the end of the startup journey, I decided to work as a freelance engineer. With that decision came sudden job offers, so my time as a freelancer was sweet, but short.

Stealth Startup, working on a cloud PaaS – 04/2022 – 05/2022

With a group of former Jimdo colleagues, I've prototyped the frontend for a product in the AWS SaaS space. I used React with Remix.run and TailwindCSS to quickly build up and iterate on the interface and APIs.

Writing Lambda functions in TypeScript and wiring everything up via the AWS CDK was also part of the job.

Unfortunately, the project stopped at the end of May for various reasons.

Personal time off – 02/2022 – 03/2022

With my daughter turning three and switching to a different kindergarten, I took a few weeks off to go on vacation and then help my daughter settle in in the new kindergarten.

Team Lead Development @ sum.cumo Sapiens GmbH – 08/2021 – 01/2022

In a rather difficult environment due to organisational changes, I managed a team of 15 people through regular 1on1s and initiatives around the change that was happening. I've led the efforts to implement explicit career levels for all development division members which were introduced and implemented by the end of 2021.

Based on various reasons, I made the decision to open myself up to other opportunities.

UI Architect @ sum.cumo Sapiens GmbH – 08/2018 – 07/2021

I took care of setting up and kickstarting projects with a proper foundation. My task was to get the project up and running while making sure the code

stays modular, reusable and robust. This always involved working with VueJS, NuxtJS, Storybook, architectural decisions and component systems.

Senior UI Engineer @ XING SE – 01/2017 – 07/2018

In a fantastic team, I helped build a web design system for more than 40 product teams. We built up a library of over 60 components. It includes contribution guidelines and extensive documentation for the whole design system.

Various roles @ Jimdo – 2012 - 2016

At Jimdo, I worked in various capacities, starting out as an affiliate marketing specialist and partner project coordinator. Then, I helped built up the newly formed Template Team, taking on a temporary lead role there. I finally worked as a UI Engineer in product development, focussing on the UI Library and building new features for the product. As you might imagine with a startup, I wore many hats, handled whatever problems and projects were facing us and picked up the necessary skills on the way – evolving with the company.

Junior-Projektmanager Technik, Volontär & Praktikant @ achtung! GmbH – 06/2010 - 12/2011

From starting as an intern until being a Junior PM for all technical parts of a project, I helped various client teams bring their social media ideas from concept into the browser. On the way, I helped designers and (external) developers to communicate in a better way with each other.

EDUCATION

Communication Science @ WWU Münster – Magister Atrium, 2011

I mostly code by now, though originally I studied communication science at the IfK Münster. While I chose the theoretical side of the studies, I gained a lot of practical knowledge at campus relations, a group of students offering public relations work for local businesses in Münster.

Next to that, I worked for the agency primus inter pares, a dedicated team of communication specialists. I did everything from writing press releases to building WordPress websites.

SKILLS

I've been working as a full-time frontend developer since 2015, having gained lots of experience in the space since 2004. Coming from writing HTML/CSS code, I've tried out quite a few things.

I've worked with React and VueJS, played with Svelte and web components. I've built and established design systems in React and VueJS.

Through my last job and also through personal projects, I've used the AWS CDK and feel comfortable with any setup involving serverless or JAMStack environments.

I've established open source libraries instead of using costly in-house wheel reinventions. Ranging from brand new tech stacks to years old code bases, I've worked on all kinds of projects. Doing that, I've learned when to use frameworks and libraries and when to build your own solution. I created complicated frontends for insurances and lotteries in close communication with UX and design. I have written more TypeScript than I ever expected. More GraphQL, too.

Being always curious, I explore programming languages and frameworks in my free time. If family and recreational time permit, I'll start the occasional side project to advance my knowledge.

You can throw any agile-ish working style at me because I've most certainly used and worked in it by now. If you're uncertain or unsatisfied with your current way of working, I can moderate a retrospective or help shape a better process. A great tool I enjoy for making decisions are Wardley Maps.

I've written so much CSS in the last years that I'm by now able to write it without a dev server running. And still getting the results I need. I'd be open to working with React again. My love for VueJS is unbroken, though, so I'd be super happy to keep working with that.

I'm not afraid of jumping into other programming languages besides JavaScript. It will take some time to get up to speed in them, of course.