Cory Simmons

React, React Native, Node, Typescript

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Work History

BROOKBUSH
MAY 2022 – DEC 2022

REACT · GRAPHQL · HASURA · TAILWIND · NODE.JS · POSTGRES · DOCKER · GH ACTIONS

- Lead Developer
- Rescued and restored public access to the site after a horrible database failure occurred.
- Set up development, testing (local and GH), staging, and production environments using Docker and GitHub Workflows.
- Worked on a lot of high-urgency, very old, support tickets while juggling a redevelopment.

KINSTA
MAR 2021 – JAN 2022

REACT · TYPESCRIPT · GRAPHQL · FIGMA

- Rebuilt a complex admin dashboard for their affiliate referral program.
- Built a performant, intuitive, React UI component library from scratch.
- Used Yarn Workspaces to split services up into Dockerized containers and set up testing CI/CD using Jest, Cypress, and Github Workflows.

ARIO
MAY 2020 – MAR 2021

REACT · TYPESCRIPT · TAILWIND · ELECTRON · FIREBASE · FIGMA

- Developed an AR Video Chat Desktop application where desktop users could drop & stick 3D models onto what a remote phone was looking at.
- Added custom push notifications to the desktop app so desktop users would be alerted when phone users called in.

BROOKBUSH
OCT 2018 – MAY 2019

REACT · GRAPHQL · HASURA · FIREBASE · PHP · WORDPRESS · NODE.JS

- Migrated thousands of videos, articles, and courses from a very slow WordPress site to a very fast Hasura site.
- Re-wrote entire frontend from WordPress to React components.
- Created a much more intuitive video browsing experience with a lazy & infinite-loading sidebar tree structure.

GRIST
APR 2015 – JUN 2016

WORDPRESS VIP · SASS · JAVASCRIPT · PHP

- Lead frontend development of site that garnered over two million unique users per month.
- Designed and developed sponsored articles as well as microsite featured content such as the Grist 50.
- Created custom WP plugins from scratch for things like responsive/performant images and typography.

MOJOTECH
OCT 2013 – FEB 2015

RAILS · HEROKU · BOOTSTRAP · COFFEESCRIPT · SASS · STYLUS · JAVASCRIPT · PHP

- Lead frontend migration of site that garnered over 10 million unique users per month (TeeSpring, now Spring).
- Migrated PHP CodeIgniter templates to Ruby on Rails without making a single breaking commit.
- Removed three separate CSS frameworks and created a custom one from scratch to increase page load times by a few seconds.
- Worked with some very popular open-source projects (Jeet, Marionette.js, Stylus, sass2stylus) and won some awards for my work while there.
- Converted mockups to a Next.js website for mojotech.com

ENVATO
MAR 2013 – MAR 2016

CSS · SASS · STYLUS · JQUERY · JAVASCRIPT · GUMROAD

- Created unique techniques to common web-design problems and documented these techniques in articles.
- Created video courses on a variety of topics.

Professional References

Cory gets things done. Whether he was developing a new feature or overhauling a part of the codebase that needed some love, he always delivered. I was particularly impressed with his seemingly endless supply of insights and inventions aimed at making our day-to-day tasks easier. He was easy to get along with and had a positive impact on team chemistry and morale. I highly recommend him!

Suresh Murty - Developer at NOLS, previously MojoTech

Cory Simmons is a developer with an innate understanding of design—a formidable combination of talents that make for web pages which are a pleasure to experience. He has demonstrated good team spirit, and his curiosity for how things work produces solutions that are thoughtful. It was a pleasure to work with Cory, and the projects that we collaborated on are the better for his input.

Mignon Khargie - Co-founder of Salon & Design Director at Grist

I've always enjoyed working with Cory; he has a similarly dry humour to mine, and he's always open to ideas. His technical knowledge and aptitude make him extremely capable of helping others learn, and I'm always impressed by his efforts to push web technologies further through his own projects.

Ian Yates - Envato Web-Design TutsPlus Editor

Cory is one of those developers who codes till his fingers get tired... and then codes some more. When he has a problem to solve he comes at it with a unique approach. He constantly amazes me with his ability to tackle and solve some of the grid's most challenging problems and his work has not only inspired myself as a developer and person but thousands of developers around the world. There are countless sites that have Cory's handiwork enabling their success.

Peter Ramsing - Frontend Architecture Consultant & Open Source Maintainer of Lost Grid

Cory worked for me as a web designer while I was the Webmaster as Ashland Community and Technical College. I found his design skills to be excellent and his dedication to the projects he worked on was exemplary. He was eager to learn new skills and techniques. I would recommend him for any web development project.

Joe Nilles - Former Ashland Community and Technical College Webmaster