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Front-End Lead & Product Manager

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Front-End Lead & Product Manager

ChainComply · Sofia, Bulgaria

Nov 2023 – Present
Full-time since Nov 2024

- Own a self-service B2C product end to end: customers declare their wallets and accounts, pay via Stripe, and receive a source-of-wealth package for their bank. Run discovery with compliance stakeholders, define scope, write requirements, and ship with the team.
- Partner with Product on roadmap and release planning, arguing priority by client impact, deciding what ships next versus what goes to the backlog, and owning estimates. Turn vague requirements into user stories, acceptance criteria, and frontend spec templates.
- Own cross-team dependencies at the API boundary: identify backend endpoints blocking frontend delivery, agree contracts and response shapes with the backend team, and drive the sequencing to unblock them while keeping frontend moving against mocks.
- Build a delivery workflow on the ClickUp and GitHub MCPs, in which requirements are refined in conversation with Claude, which then creates the tasks and opens the pull requests directly. Designed the ClickUp workspace structure, templates, and automations it runs on, now used across teams.
- Build an end-to-end QA step in which an agent drives Playwright through the full application against real APIs and live data, then produces a snapshot report of every scenario. Drove the team's shift to agentic development and established the prompting, review, and testing standards the team adopted.
- Migrated the codebase from Vue to React and restructured two npm projects into a pnpm, Turborepo, and Vite monorepo, cutting build and deploy times from minutes to seconds on a shared component library.
- Designed and built the platform's analytical surface, including dashboards, transaction and risk visualisations, network graphs, and customisable report generation, alongside a platform-wide redesign meeting WCAG AA, internationalisation, and cross-browser requirements. Defined the development workflow the team runs on, covering branching, commit conventions, task lifecycle, and review standards.

Front-End Developer & Interim Manager

CleverPine · Sofia, Bulgaria

May 2024 – Nov 2024
Full-time

- Managed a cohort of junior frontend developers and partnered with mentors, engineering managers, and the CTO to redesign the onboarding process end to end, running weekly syncs to identify knowledge gaps and tracking tailored growth plans that got juniors into production work faster.
- Learned Angular from scratch and contributed to two enterprise platforms for a leading global aviation company, building dynamic forms, complex data grids, and a customisable report editor with document export for aircraft engine maintenance and due diligence workflows.

Front-End Developer

Infoleven (acquired by Stanga1) · Sofia, Bulgaria

Aug 2021 – May 2024
Full-time

- Contributed to 12 international B2B e-commerce platforms for a global FMCG enterprise, at times as the sole frontend developer, integrating against shared REST services and working closely with backend, design, product, and QA. Built a student loan platform from scratch as the sole developer.
- Owned the features clients used most on an M&A due diligence platform, working directly with stakeholders to shape them: dynamic forms, complex data grids, and multi-level filtering with user-level persistence. Delivered a platform-wide redesign that changed how the application looked and behaved end to end, making the product substantially easier to adopt.
- Communicated daily with external stakeholders, turned vague requirements into scalable solutions, and introduced the task breakdown and estimation process the team adopted, improving delivery predictability.

KendoReact Developer Support Engineer

Progress · Sofia, Bulgaria

Feb 2021 – Aug 2021
Full-time

- Contributed to KendoReact, a commercial component library used by thousands of React developers, and authored the developer-facing documentation shipped with it.
- Solved complex client integration scenarios against real customer codebases and fed that field evidence back to the product team as input on which component gaps to close.

EDUCATION

BSc (Honours) Computer Science

Loughborough University · United Kingdom
Student athlete · university tennis

2019 – 2022

Bulgarian & American High School Diplomas

American College of Sofia · Bulgaria

2014 – 2019

PRODUCT

Discovery & stakeholder interviews, requirement definition, user stories & acceptance criteria, roadmap & prioritisation, effort estimation

Tools

ClickUp, Jira, Notion, Figma, Google Analytics, UserPilot, HubSpot

TECH STACK

Core

JavaScript, TypeScript, HTML, CSS, SCSS, REST APIs

Libraries, Frameworks and State

React, Angular, Vue, Redux, Context

Design & UI

Tailwind, Bootstrap, styled-components, Material UI, KendoReact, PrimeNG, Storybook, Figma, Sketch

Testing

Playwright, Jest

Build & Code Quality

pnpm, Turborepo, Vite, ESLint, Prettier, Husky

Version Control

GitHub, GitLab, BitBucket

Cloud & Infrastructure

AWS, Docker, Netlify, Heroku, Firebase

Content Management

Strapi, WordPress, Wix, Shopify

AI

Claude Code, Codex, Cursor, GitHub Copilot, MCP

LEADERSHIP & ORGANIZATION

Charity Tournaments Organizer

2024 – Present · Sofia, Bulgaria

Event Organizer, Sofia Open ATP 250

2017 – 2022 · Sofia, Bulgaria

LANGUAGES

Bulgarian

Native proficiency

English

Full working proficiency · IELTS Band 8

German

B2, Goethe Institute

CERTIFICATES

LTA Coaching License

Level 1