Kristina Kapitanova

Front-End Lead & Product Manager

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Front-End Lead & Product Manager

Nov 2023 – Present
Full-time since Nov 2024

ChainComply · Sofia, Bulgaria

- Designed and built every frontend of ChainComply's crypto AML, EDD, and KYT products single-handedly, from first commit to production: the B2B workspace where compliance analysts examine a client's crypto, the onboarding flow where clients connect accounts from 100+ exchanges and 150+ blockchains, CashoutReady for individuals (B2C) and its version for Kryptos users (B2B2C), and two marketing websites.
- Migrated the codebase from Vue to React and restructured all our npm projects into a pnpm, Turborepo, and Vite monorepo, cutting build and deploy times from minutes to seconds on a shared component library.
- Built data-heavy interfaces: data grids with server-side paging, sorting, and filtering and debounced search, interactive network graphs, and a drag-and-drop report builder with background PDF export.
- Server-state-first architecture: TanStack Query owns all API data, with caching, invalidation after saves, optimistic updates with rollback, and polling, and React Context handles UI state.
- Built for failure: route-level error boundaries and failures isolated to each chart or table with its own retry, a Stripe checkout confirmed by the server rather than the redirect, and server errors shown in the user's language and formats.
- Built to WCAG AA and wrote the WCAG 2.2 AA audit for client onboarding.
- Internationalised every app in eight languages with i18next, sign-in pages and reports included, with the page language switched for screen readers and a lint rule that catches untranslated text.
- Test with Vitest, React Testing Library, and Playwright.
- Designed every product myself as well as building it: wireframes in Figma and Miro, quick proofs of concept, usability tests with real users, then the final interface in code.
- Wrote the design tokens and configurable theme behind every app, so typography, colour, and component styling stay consistent and a design change reaches every app at once.
- Defined the team's branching, commit, and review standards, and mentor junior developers.
- Product Manager for **CashoutReady** since July 2026, while designing and building it: wrote the PRD and own the user stories, acceptance criteria, roadmap, backlog, and delivery, deciding what ships next, what waits, and why. Partner with Product on roadmap and release planning for the other apps too.
- Own cross-team dependencies at the API boundary: agree contracts and response shapes with the backend team, and keep the frontend moving against mocks.

Front-End Developer & Interim Manager

May 2024 – Nov 2024
Full-time

CleverPine · Sofia, Bulgaria

- 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 maintenance and due diligence workflows.

Front-End Developer

Aug 2021 – May 2024
Full-time

Infoleven (acquired by Stanga1) · Sofia, Bulgaria

- 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

Feb 2021 – Aug 2021
Full-time

Progress · Sofia, Bulgaria

- 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.

TECH STACK

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

Frameworks & UI
React, Angular, Vue, Redux, Context, Tailwind, Bootstrap, styled-components, Material UI, KendoReact, PrimeNG, Storybook, Figma, Sketch

Testing, Build & Version Control
Playwright, Jest, pnpm, Turborepo, Vite, ESLint, Prettier, Husky, GitHub, GitLab, BitBucket

Cloud & Content Management
AWS, Docker, Netlify, Heroku, Firebase, Strapi, WordPress, Wix, Shopify

AI
Claude Code, Codex, Cursor, GitHub Copilot, MCP

PRODUCT

Discovery & stakeholder interviews, requirement definition, user stories & acceptance criteria, roadmap & prioritisation, scoping & trade-offs, effort estimation

Design
User flows, wireframing, prototyping, usability testing

Tools
ClickUp, Jira, Confluence, Notion, Figma, Miro, Google Analytics, UserPilot, HubSpot

EDUCATION

BSc (Honours) Computer Science
Loughborough University · UK
2019 – 2022 · Student athlete, tennis

Bulgarian & American High School Diplomas
American College of Sofia · 2014 – 2019

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

German
B2, Goethe Institute

References available upon request.