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SUMMARY

Front-End Developer with 2+ years of experience building responsive, accessible web applications from concept to deployment. Graduate of Interactive Media Design at Algonquin College (GPA 4.0). Proficient in **React, Next.js, TypeScript, and TailwindCSS**, with hands-on experience in **REST APIs, CMS** platforms, **AWS**, **AI tools** and **WCAG/AODA** accessibility. Comfortable owning the full project lifecycle, from **Figma** wireframes to production. Detail-oriented, collaborative, and quick to deliver clean, **user-focused** code.

RELATED SKILLS

- **Frontend Development:** React, Next.js, Node.js, Tailwind CSS, Responsive development, WCAG / AODA Accessibility.
- **Programming Languages:** TypeScript, JavaScript (ES6+), HTML5, CSS3 / SCSS.
- **AI & LLMs:** Cursor, GitHub Copilot, Claude API, Lovable, ChatGPT, Prompt Engineering, AI-augmented workflows**.**
- **APIs & CMS:** REST APIs, Strapi (Headless), Shopify (Liquid), WordPress, Drupal, MySQL.
- **Cloud & DevOps:** AWS (S3, Lambda), Vercel, Netlify (CI/CD), Git / GitHub, Agile / Scrum.
- **Testing & Debugging:** Jest, Vitest, React Testing Library, Playwright, DevTools.
- **Design:** Figma, Adobe Creative Suite, UI/UX, Wireframing, A/B testing.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Web Developer & UX Designer
Jan. 2026 – Apr. 2026

Algonquin College, Ottawa, Hybrid

- **Engineered** an interactive **microsite** synthesizing benchmarking data from 10+ Canadian post-secondary institutions, managing the full lifecycle from data processing to React development.
- **Deployed and maintained the project on AWS** cloud infrastructure, ensuring high availability and seamless performance across all devices.
- Utilized **AI-augmented workflows (Lovable, Cursor)** for rapid prototyping, significantly reducing the time from data visualization concepts to production-ready React components.

Junior Web Developer
Aug. 2024 – Sept. 2025

Unique, Ottawa, Remote

- Developed a complete Shopify e-commerce site using Shopify **Liquid, HTML, CSS, and JavaScript**.
- Migrated 800+ products to Shopify Store, ensuring accurate organization, consistent branding, and improved search visibility.
- **Troubleshot front-end issues**, optimized code and site performance, improving load times, responsiveness, and accessibility.
- Implemented **SEO** best practices (meta tags, alt attributes, semantic HTML) and performance optimizations - increased organic search traffic by 74% within 3 months (client analytics).

Interactive Media Designer, Co-op *May 2025 – Aug. 2025*

Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists (CAOT), Ottawa, Remote

- Developed and launched **two marketing-focused websites** (100th anniversary and advocacy).
- Designed **accessible** layouts, page structures, and interactive prototypes in **Figma** in line with **WCAG** and CAOT guidelines.
- Built and customized **Squarespace** websites using **HTML, CSS, and JavaScript** to expand functionality beyond standard templates.
- Improved key UI components, resulting in better **usability and accessibility**.

EDUCATION

Interactive Media Design, Diploma *(GPA 4.00)* *Jan. 2024 – Jan. 2026*

Algonquin College, Ottawa

- Served as **Team Lead for a Capstone Project for the City of Ottawa**; managed the full development cycle and presented final deliverables to municipal stakeholders.

Fine/Studio Arts, General Artist *Feb. 2019 – May 2022*

A. G. Pozdeev Art School, Russia

- Completed a three-year program focused on drawing, painting, composition, and traditional visual arts.

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- **Accessibility & Compliance:** Strong understanding of AODA and WCAG 2.1 standards; ensuring inclusive web experiences through semantic HTML and ARIA patterns.
- **Leadership & Collaboration:** Proven track record as a Team Lead for student and client-facing projects; experienced in peer mentoring and Agile workflows.
- **Creative Technology:** Proficient in 3D Modeling & Motion Design (Blender, Cinema 4D, After Effects, Premiere Pro) for enhanced digital storytelling.
- **Languages:** English (Fluent/Professional), Russian (Native).