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Summary

I graduated from Tourism Management a couple of months before the worldwide pandemic in 2020 so as you can imagine the timing wasn't great! I had to come up with another plan for my career and came across KidsCanCode channel on YouTube that teaches you to code in Python by using a little turtle called Fred and I fell in LOVE! It took me about 6 months of learning the basics at home to get my first full-time position at Elsevier as a frontend developer to work on a product used by almost 500k unique users each week. I now have 3 years of experience in TypeScript, React, and Redux, and a great understanding of testing and accessibility principles.

Professional Experience

Frontend Developer Elsevier (May 2021 – March 2024)

Mendeley provides a referencing tool for researchers and students to help with their publications. It is a Microsoft Word add-in feature written in TypeScript and uses React and Redux frameworks.

- Worked directly with users by participating in user research sessions where they could request features, give feedback, and suggest changes.
- Designed and built new features in fortnightly releases with the UI/UX team.
- Successfully tested, modified, and deployed new features with the Quality Assurance team.
- Established a better understanding of testing within the team as the testability expert and improved existing testing processes. Gave a company-wide presentation advocating the enhanced testing strategy.
- Ensured accessibility of the tool for everyone by introducing the jest-axe library for screen-readers and participating in workshops and pair programming sessions. Received an award for implementation of accessibility into the main flow of the product.
- Worked closely with the Microsoft team to discuss their new releases and better understand how it may help Mendeley Cite.
- Took the initiative to create debugging tools to help efficiently resolve support queries.
- Worked on documentation and diagrams such as spikes for potential features, application start-up process, testing approach, theming, and many more.

Key Skills

TypeScript, JavaScript, React, Redux, Unit Testing, Integration testing, End-to-End Testing, React Testing Library, Accessibility, Jenkins, Fluent UI, GitHub, Agile methodologies, HTML, CSS, Fluent UI, Git, Jira, Appium, New Relic

Other

Polish (native)

Education and Qualifications

- Testing JavaScript by Kent C Dodds
- Green Belt for TypeScript by Security Journey
- **Master of Arts** Tourism Management (University of Westminster) – Merit
- **Bachelor of Arts** Tourism Planning and Management (University of Westminster) – Upper Second Class (2:1)