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Summary

Product engineer, frontend at heart, working in the gap between "it works" and "it's beautiful." I design what I build, mocking features up myself and shipping them end to end. I've rebuilt products with 1M+ daily active users and, most recently, Otter.ai's web app and AI chat as sole engineer. Seeking small teams building AI-native products with a high bar for craft.

Experience

Otter.ai **Jul 2026 – Present**

Senior Software Engineer *Mountain View, California*

- Sole engineer on a full redesign of Otter's web app in **Next.js**, **React** and **TypeScript**: rebuilt home, navigation, channels, search, sharing and AI chat across code owned by **4 teams**, launching in under **5 months**.
- Rebuilt the AI chat frontend, adding math rendering, syntax-highlighted code, rich tables, visible reasoning steps and **FLIP**-based transitions.
- Designed and built features end to end, mocking each up in **Claude Design** before shipping: source pills and action-approval cards for AI chat, advanced search, and the canvas editing menu.
- Took dark mode from a self-started side project to full rollout: adopted by over **5%** of active web users, **∼93%** of whom kept it on.
- Lead Otter's design system, and built the redesign's custom components into it to give the app one consistent design language.
- Own the frontend for Canvas and Notes: the AI meeting summary users can edit like a document, and the private notes they write alongside it.
- Built AI agent skills and a contributor guide that let people without frontend experience ship production UI.
- Resolved escalated customer issues, shipping fixes directly and root-causing others for the teams that owned them.
- Top code contributor and reviewer in the web codebase, shipping through parallel agent workflows in **Claude Code** with automated verification loops.
- Served as web release manager, interviewed staff-level candidates, and ran the team's sprint planning.

Software Engineer II *Jul 2025 – Jun 2026*

- Shipped AI features across Otter's meeting experience, including one-click AI summary editing, augmented notes that turn a user's raw typed notes into AI-enhanced ones, and a summary that writes itself live during a meeting.
- Owned the **Angular**-to-**Next.js** rewrite of Otter's meeting page, its most-used surface, where users read transcripts, play back audio and edit AI summaries, earning code ownership of the Next.js app.

Navan **Sep 2024 – Apr 2025**

Software Engineer *Palo Alto, California*

- Redesigned Navan Expense's homepage using **Angular v16/TypeScript**, supporting **1.5M+ monthly transactions** for **800k+ users** across enterprise clients including Adobe, Netflix, Stripe, and Scale AI.
- Built modular UI components including an email receipt-forwarding flow, a reusable transaction list, and a tasks dashboard to streamline expense management workflows.

Technical Skills

Languages: Python, TypeScript, JavaScript ES6+, Golang, SQL, HTML5, CSS3, C/C++
Technologies/Frameworks: Next.js, React, Angular, Tailwind, TanStack Query, Jotai, Express, Node.js, Bun
Databases: MySQL, PostgreSQL, NoSQL, MongoDB, Redis
AI Tools: Claude Code, Claude Design, ChatGPT
AI Workflows: agentic coding, parallel subagent orchestration, task decomposition, context engineering, verification loops, agent skills authoring, AI code review
Cloud: Microsoft Azure, Amazon Web Services (AWS), Google Cloud Platform (GCP)
Others: Docker, Presto, Git/GitHub, Version Control, Linux, REST APIs, Statsig, Amplitude

Education

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign **Aug 2022 - May 2024**

Master's in Computer Science (GPA: 3.76/4.00) *Champaign, Illinois*

Courses: *Advanced Software Engineering, Database Systems, Web Development, User Interface Design, Competitive Programming*