

Dwaine Best

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Enthusiastic software engineer with a design background. Effective communicator and skilled collaborator with experience partnering with non-technical stakeholders, design teams, and technical teams. Seeking roles on smaller teams focused on creative solutions.

SKILLS

Languages: HTML, CSS, SASS/SCSS, JavaScript (ES6+), Python

Frameworks/Platforms: React, React Hooks, Gatsby, Wordpress, Firebase, Git, Responsive Web Development

Tools and Methodologies: Figma, Adobe Creative Suite, Photoshop, UX Principles, Agile/Scrum Framework

EXPERIENCE

Software Engineer (Front-End), NewRocket - Vista, CA

Mar 2021 - present

NewRocket builds software solutions for businesses.

Hired to a division of NewRocket focused on building world-class employee-facing portals for Fortune 500 clients, academic institutions, and government agencies.

- Contributed to development of >20 portal projects using JavaScript/ES5/ES6+, Node.js, AngularJS, HTML, and SASS, with workloads typically ranging from 2-4 concurrent projects.
- Served as lead developer for six portal development efforts with responsibility for managing small development teams to ensure delivery on tight deadlines. Oversaw sprints, design handoff, implementation, user testing, deployment, and support. Mentor junior developers.
- Built APIs for NewRocket's mobile products and contributed to development of multiple product features, enhancements, and refactoring efforts.
- Collaborate with design teams to ensure requirements are within budget and feasibility, and translate Figma designs to pixel-perfect implementation.
- Advise clients on implementing best practices for portals.

Web Developer/Graphic Designer, Freelance - San Diego, CA/ Remote

2000 - 2021

Provided part-time freelance services for numerous clients with projects that include site design, architecture, development, deployment, and maintenance. Tools include Firebase, Flask, Django, Wordpress, LAMP, HTML/CSS, JavaScript, jQuery and React.

- Built a custom [WordPress solution](#) and a templated [WordPress/WooCommerce site](#) for Mobilia Gallery.
- Led digital and print design including redesigns of websites to improve UX and stability, with work in HTML, CSS, JavaScript, WordPress, and SEO.
- Other contributions include art direction, original artwork, branding, and marketing strategies.
- Built successful, ongoing business relationships.

Digital Product Design and Marketing (intern), Welfie - San Diego, CA

2020

Welfie is a health startup focused on building healthy communities.

- Performed UI/UX prototyping, flow, design, and handoff of over 20 major screens and dashboards.
- Working with various stakeholders and development teams in an Agile environment, using SCRUM methodologies.

Production Artist, Netflix/Fox Studios/ La Jolla Playhouse/Old Globe Theater

2009 - 2020

- Managed operations for design, engineering, and installation of sets, props, and set dressing for various large-scale productions, with scenic elements featured in hundreds of Broadway plays (e.g. Come From Away, Memphis, Bright Star, et al.), movies, and TV shows.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATION

Museum Studies and Art History, University of Iowa - Iowa City, IA

Front End Developer Certificate, University of California, San Diego - La Jolla, CA