

Sam Levens

Full stack web developer, passionate about creating reusable, readable, and modular code

Agile and test driven development

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EXPERIENCE

GADA Technology - Lead Front End Developer

FEB 2020 - CURRENT

The first task I had was to convert an old mess of a Frontend into something that was performant and worked well with the “Generic Backend” that GADA had developed. At this point in time I was the sole front end developer for GADA and so I threw out the old repository and started from scratch building a responsive, reliable and test-driven React/Redux app. From there I was moved into the team lead role and given a junior dev. Together we have continued to develop the main app and developed other microservice apps. We have used Apollo, Relay, GraphQL, React mostly. I have leveraged Firebase, Next.js and Vercel as well.

Eventhub - Developer

JAN 2019 - FEB 2020

Greenfield project with agile development (Kanban). Primary responsibilities were developing front end with the tech stack:

- ES6/7
- React 16.x (heavy use of hooks)
- Redux
- Relay
- GraphQL

Also coded back ended especially heavily recently

- Node 12.x
- Bookshelf/Knex
- PostgresQL

In this role I have been recognised heavily for how quickly I have built up my ability to work with a very complicated tech stack in an already very complicated environment. In less than a year I was moved from being a junior developer to being in charge of my technical area.

Notably on the front end I was given significant decision making room in the design and UX/UI interpretation of functionality. This allowed me to develop responsive and common sense patterns for our users which have been directly commented on in positive feedback from our user surveys.

SKILLS

React 16.x

- Context
- Hooks

Redux

Javascript ES6/7

- Webpack
- NodeJS 8+/12.x
- Babel
- Express
- Typescript

GraphQL

- Relay
- Apollo

SQL

- Postgres

Ruby

Python 3+

Small scale AWS, Docker experience

Firebase

Vercel

Unit Testing

- Mocha

Open Source

JUN 2018 - PRESENT

Have been following and contributing to open source projects in a variety of languages.

EDUCATION

Completed Courses

- Node with React: Fullstack Web Development - Stephen Grider
- The Complete React Native + Hooks Course - Stephen Grider
- Python Bootcamp - Jose Portilla
- GraphQL with React - Stephen Grider
- Functional-Light JavaScript, v3 - Kyle Simpson

University Of Sydney — *Mechatronics Engineering*

2010 - 2014

Studied commerce and engineering at University of Sydney.

PREVIOUS CAREER

Groupon - Business Development

2017 - 2019

Worked in sales with Groupon bringing in businesses to be advertised on the platform. Very fast paced team dynamic.

Specifier - Business Development / Strategy

2014-2017

Worked for the magazine/website Specifier in both a B2B advertising sales capacity and helping form the strategic directive of the web presence of the company.