



Alec Rust

Front End Developer

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About

Experienced (2004) front end web developer with a dedication to accessibility, performance, SEO and meticulously crafted mobile-first user interfaces.

Profiles

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Work

Featurist

4th Jul 2016 - present

Head of UI/UX

<https://www.featurist.co.uk/>

I'm currently working with a London-based agency building websites and applications for a wide range of clients.

BBC

1st Jun 2015 - 30th Jun 2016

Senior Web Developer

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bbcthree>

The BBC wanted a modern stream/magazine style web application to replace the BBC Three TV channel. I worked with a small team to deliver this Node/React project and satisfy the business, editorial, design and analytics requirements.

Highlights

- User testing of target audience and development of fun website features
- Developing an internal library for displaying “cards” of BBC content
- Learning new technologies such as Node, React, Webpack and Babel

Shopa

1st May 2014 - 16th Apr 2015

Director of Front End Engineering

<https://shopa.com/>

In this permanent role I led the front end development of the company as the team grew to over 20 employees and received further investment. Over this time we improved the technology stack to scale with the company.

Highlights

- Maintaining the website end-to-end and trying various dev ops tools
- Managing business expectations in combination with technical limitations
- Learning about technologies such as Go, Elasticsearch and Gulp

Shopa

13th Jan 2014 - 1st May 2014

Front End Developer

<https://shopa.com/>

I joined the new social shopping start-up Shopa to help build their early web and mobile app offering. The company received investment and I took a permanent position to help build the team and manage the front end.

Highlights

- Iterating on new prototypes and ideas with a fast feedback loop
- Experimenting with new technologies in a friendly relaxed environment
- Learning Ruby on Rails and using new methodologies such as SUIT CSS

Universal Music Group

12th Dec 2011 - 10th Jan 2014

Front End Developer

<http://www.universalmusic.com/>

Working with Universal Music I was able to work on many different artist and record label websites and get familiar with the Umbraco CMS. I provided presentations on mobile-first best practices and helped develop tools and best practices for the team.

Highlights

- Leading the front end on the new classical music site Sinfini Music

- Launching new mobile-first website for Mercury Records music label
- Developing the “UMG Boilerplate” to help teams quickly build applications

BBC Worldwide

1st Oct 2010 - 1st Dec 2011

Commercial Developer

<http://www.bbc.com/>

I joined the BBC.com development team to help launch and maintain a new version of the site for international users. My role also had a focus on managing analytics requirement and advertising code for the site, which often required challenging technical solutions.

Highlights

- Completing Adobe SiteCatalyst Implementation Training
- Analysing traffic from around the world using Keynote
- Learning about continuous integration, TDD and BDD

BBC Worldwide

1st Jul 2009 - 1st Oct 2010

User Interface Developer

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/>

Working in the Digital Delivery team I maintained the “passion sites” such as BBC Good Food, Gardeners' World and Radio Times. I had the opportunity to work with multiple different code bases and solving problems in a consistent way across a network of websites.

Highlights

- Rebuilding the UK version of the Top Gear website
- Developing new features and microsites for the BBC websites
- Learning about website localisation and GeoIP technologies

BBC

1st Jul 2008 - 1st Jul 2009

Front End Developer

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/>

I was fortunate enough to be selected for the development team which built the customisable widget-based BBC homepage for domestic users. I worked with BBC Public Service for this project before moving to BBC Worldwide, the commercial arm of the BBC.

Highlights

- Building a high profile website visited by millions of users
- Honing software development best practices in a team environment
- Learning about dev ops of a large site such as CDNs, caching layers etc.

Alec Rust Ltd

1st Jan 2004 - 1st Jun 2009

Freelance Developer/Designer

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As a freelancer I had the opportunity to learn about all aspects of web development from design to databases and security. I delivered work for small businesses with software such as WordPress, Drupal and Magento as well as bespoke applications or user interfaces for start-ups.

Highlights

- Exposure to a wide range of different businesses and requirements
- Developing a scalable solution for hosting and monitoring many websites
- Launching a question/answer platform for general contractors

RAPP

1st Oct 2007 - 1st Jun 2008

Web Developer

<http://www.rapp.com/>

Working in the technology department for a large agency taught me about good development workflows for large teams and managing deadline expectations. We used technologies such as Microsoft SourceSafe and had an extensive QA process for our work.

Highlights

- Building HTML emails for clients such as Apple, Barclays, Crisis
- Launching health information website for Pfizer
- Learning about target audience through formal user testing

Skills

Development Skills

- Modern HTML, CSS, JavaScript
- Progressive Enhancement
- Mobile-first/responsive
- Accessibility, performance, SEO

Other Skills

- Agile, Waterfall, TDD, BDD
- Unit/integration testing
- Cross-browser testing
- Continuous integration and deployment
- Excellent verbal/written skills

Tools/Technologies

- Node, React, Webpack, Babel

- PostCSS, Sass, LESS, Stylus
- Adobe Photoshop/Illustrator
- Affinity Photo/Designer
- Git, SVN, Mercurial,
- GitHub, Kiln, Trello, JIRA
- Rails, Heroku, OpenShift
- Grunt, Gulp and NPM scripts
- SendGrid, MailChimp, Mailgun
- jQuery, WordPress, MySQL
- Umbraco .NET CMS
- TeamCity, Hudson, CircleCI, Jenkins

Interests

Outdoors

- Cycling
- Sailing
- Snowboarding

Indoors

- Personal projects
- Music
- Politics