

chris silich

Creative Technologist, Front-End Engineer, Designer, Teacher

Chris is an excellent full-stack developer with a strong design foundation. He is capable of high-value technical work in modern Javascript SPA frameworks, custom SCSS, and various CMSs including Wordpress, Optimizely, and SiteCore. His design background gives him the ability to work with a perfectionist eye for user experience and user interface design.

He's fast learner and a hard worker. He prides himself on being able to adapt quickly to face new design or development challenges and master ever-changing technologies and trends. He has years of teaching and mentoring experience that helps him lead and collaborate with teams.

Professional Experience

Perficient Inc, 2022-2023 – Senior Technical Consultant (Senior Front End Engineer)

Lead agile teams of on- and off-shore developers in React, Vue, and vanilla JS projects, connected to Optimizely and SiteCore CMSs.

Developed a new accelerator solution for "headless" Optimizely CMS projects using NextJS, Storybook, and a custom SCSS starting point for future Perficient projects.

Consulted, estimated, collaborated with clients and design teams. Researched and made architecture decisions, managed agile stories, reviewed PRs, enforced code and accessibility standards, and wrote a lot of code.

Notable projects:

- AllSpring Global
- Drees Homes
- Perficient Accelerator

Chris Silich LLC, 2008-Present – Owner

Freelance design and development work, primarily websites, for small to medium size companies.

Built and deployed about 30 websites since 2008. Primarily Wordpress, some CodeIgniter, Laravel, and plain HTML back in the day.

Notable projects:

- Atlanta Decorative Arts Center

Technical Skills

Javascript

React, NextJS, Typescript, Vue, "vanilla" javascript, Node, Express, GSAP, Angular, CreateJS, Pixi, Storybook

CSS

SCSS, Grid, Flex, Float, BEM, Bootstrap, Material

Back End & CMSs

PHP, Wordpress (custom themes and gutenber blocks, Optimizely, OOP "vanilla" PHP, Laravel, CodeIgniter

Design Software

XD, Figma, After Effects, Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign

Other

Accessibility, optimization, Google PageSpeed, Lighthouse, SEO, Webpack, Vite, Gulp, Unity Game Engine, Arduino C++, Apple ARKit

Professional Experience (cont'd)

- Carrier and Company
- XM Capital Partners

Creative Circus, 2013-2022 – Program Director

Director of two two-year portfolio programs: Creative Technology and Interactive Design. Teaching, mentoring, and curriculum development as primary responsibilities, but also a lot of web development, devops for various websites and webapps as secondary responsibilities.

Built and maintained a Learning Management System (LMS) in Laravel, called Ringmaster.

Built various websites, microsites, webapps, including the primary company site, in Wordpress or vanilla HTML.

Taught coding classes from "Hello World" through React, Vue, Angular, and advanced vanilla javascript.

Notable projects:

- Creative Circus website
- Ringmaster Learning Management System
- Hundreds of careers

Primal Screen, 2008-2013 – Interactive Director

Worked on a broad spectrum of projects for television advertising, websites, web apps, mobile devices, touchscreens UI. Motion graphics, user experience design, Flash animation and development, web design and development, game design and development.

Notable projects:

- Nickelodeon Creative Advertising website
- Primal Screen website

Education

Georgia State University

Atlanta, Georgia

BFA in Graphic Design, 2009

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Portfolio

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