Chris Holder

I'm a software engineer with over 6 years of experience working primarily on the web. I build full-stack applications with a focus on the front-end. I'm particularly strong in building, documenting, and maintaining front-end libraries and the infrastructure to support them.

Technologies and Languages

- Languages: JavaScript, TypeScript, CSS, HTML, Python, Ruby
- **Technologies:** React, Vue.js, TailwindCSS, Next.js, Gatsby.js, Node.js, Vite, Webpack, Jest, GraphQL, Docker, AWS, Git
- **Other Expertise:** Front-end library development & maintenance, design systems implementation, web accessibility standards (WCAG)

Work Experience

Senior Software Engineer

Automattic Remote September 2024 - April 2025 Impacted by company layoff

- Developed an admin dashboard widget (React/PHP), providing users with visualizations of their newsletter subscriber trends, increasing user adoption of the feature.
- Implemented a full-stack redesign of WordPress.com's content discovery application (React, Redux, SCSS, PHP), improving application performance with a load time reduction of 3 seconds and increasing daily active users.
- Resolved 15+ critical bugs within Jetpack's Subscriptions feature (React/PHP), enhancing product stability and polish ahead of a large marketing campaign for the product.

Software Engineer III	Ramsey Solutions	May 2022 - September 2024
	Franklin, TN	

- Developed infrastructure, documentation, and web Software Development Kits (React, Vue, Ruby, Java) for an in-house design system; unified product branding, saved engineers/designers 4+ hours weekly, and generated \$1M in attributed annual revenue.
- Built and maintained JavaScript/TypeScript infrastructure, including Node.js images and GitLab Pipeline templates, streamlining new project start-up processes across the organization.
- Led a 3-engineer team through strategy, implementation, and deployment of the Ramsey Solutions Store front-end migration, delivering the project on time and within budget.
- Delivered 8+ technical workshops to 50+ engineers on advanced JavaScript and design patterns, enhancing organizational web development capabilities.

- Developed front-end components for the CMS powering ramseysolutions.com, enabling marketers and content authors to build consistent, engaging experiences for millions of users without relying on engineers.
- Modernized the front-end asset pipeline and tooling for the online storefront, bolstering deployment and code quality confidence.

Front-End Developer	Techlink Solutions	December 2017 - May 2020
-	Asheville, NC	

- Developed a Single-Page Application (SPA) using Vue.js enabling customers to manage multi-vendor hardware via one dashboard; contributed to a 5% client customer base growth in its launch year.
- Designed and developed the front-end (Twig, Vue.js, Bootstrap) for a Symfony application connecting construction job seekers and employers, successfully launching the client's new business initiative.

Projects

- Inview Media: A video-focused site migrated from Joomla to a site using Gatsby.js and Sanity as the headless CMS. To avoid high storage costs, I moved all video hosting to AWS S3 and implemented a custom integration with the Sanity CMS. This provided the client with an inexpensive site to host with an efficient storage solution for their video content.
- Lotz Roofing: A Next.js marketing site using TypeScript, TailwindCSS, and Sanity CMS that gave the client's business an online presence and an easy way to collect leads.

Education

BSc. in History, Montreat College, Summa cum laude

2011-2014