Kara Thurmond

Senior Frontend Web Developer

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Senior Frontend Developer with 10+ years delivering accessible, performance-optimized web experiences. Expert in HTML, CSS, Tailwind CSS, and frontend architecture, leveraging design expertise to craft intuitive, user-friendly web experiences.

SKILLS

Frontend: HTML, CSS/SCSS, Tailwind CSS, JavaScript (ES6+), Alpine.js

Frameworks & Platforms: Laravel, WordPress, Squarespace, Shopify, Astro, React (prior production use)

Tooling, Deployment & Collaboration: Git, GitHub, Vercel, Firebase, Cloudflare, Vite, Webpack, VS Code, PhpStorm, Jira, Slack, Domain management & DNS configuration

Design: Figma, Adobe Creative Suite

WORK EXPERIENCE

Web Developer – Freelance / Contract

December 2023 - Present; October 2015- November 2017

+ Build and maintain custom websites for small businesses, creatives, and organizations, focusing on clean, accessible markup and high-fidelity UI implementation.

+ Deliver performance-focused, low-JavaScript sites using Astro, modern HTML, CSS, and Tailwind CSS.

+ Customize and extend CMS platforms including WordPress, Squarespace, and Shopify.

+ Manage domains, DNS, hosting, and deployments, ensuring reliable launches and smooth handoffs.

Senior Frontend Developer

Lead Marvels, Inc - Fishkill, NY | November 2017 - December 2023

+ Led frontend development for 130+ production websites built in Laravel, using Tailwind CSS and Alpine.js to create fast, maintainable, and scalable interfaces.

+ Designed and maintained reusable component libraries and layout patterns to ensure visual consistency and development efficiency across projects.

+ Converted 20+ legacy websites from Bootstrap and jQuery to Tailwind and Alpine, improving performance, maintainability, and developer experience.

+ Collaborated closely with designers, backend developers, and project managers to translate complex UI/UX designs into responsive, accessible, production-ready code.

+ Improved structure, documentation, and frontend standards across long-lived codebases..

Production Director/Website E-commerce Manager

Modern Farmer Magazine - Hudson, NY | November 2012 - October 2015

+ Maintained and updated the Modern Farmer WordPress website, supporting editorial workflows and site stability.

+ Managed WooCommerce for the publication's online shop, including product updates and frontend presentation.

+ Collaborated with editorial and design teams to ensure consistency between print and digital properties.

EDUCATION

BA in Philosophy, Mary Washington University, Fredericksburg, VA