

Chafic Najjar

I'm a **freelance front-end developer** based in Lebanon with 9+ years of experience building fast, responsive and maintainable user interfaces. I'm also the **founder of webcomic.app**, a website builder for webcomic artists to create and publish webcomics.

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Experience

Feb. 2015 - Present
(9 years 2 months)

Freelance front-end developer

- Implemented and maintained various user interfaces using HTML, CSS, JavaScript, TypeScript, React and GraphQL.
- Worked with [Violet](#), [Gradle Inc.](#), [Everphone](#), [Maalka](#), [Tortoise Labs](#), [Code for Africa](#), [IdeaToLife](#) and many other startups and agencies.
- Learned how to work remotely, communicate effectively and finish tasks on time.

Dec. 2017 - Present
(6 years 4 months)

Founder of webcomic.app

- Working on [webcomic.app](#), a website builder for webcomic artists to create stunning and engaging webcomics.
- Built the performant and intuitive user interface using HTML, CSS (Sass), TypeScript, React and MDC Web.
- Built the back-end using GraphQL, Apollo, Heroku, Express, Node.js, Prisma, PostgreSQL and Backblaze B2.
- Integrated several third-party tools such as Paddle to manage subscription payments and SendGrid to send marketing emails.
- Created the free job boards [comics-jobs.com](#) and [illustration-jobs.com](#) to drive traffic to webcomic.app.

Jul. 2014 - Aug. 2014
(2 months)

Graphics programmer intern at CCT International, Beirut, Lebanon

- Worked with another intern on a web-based prototype of the BIM-based construction project control application [C3D Interactive](#).
- Built a responsive web interface with resizable and dockable interface components.
- Wrote a parser in Java to extract 3D model data from a proprietary file format and rendered that data using WebGL.
- Wrote vertex and fragment shaders in GLSL and implemented a first-person camera.

Skills

Human languages	Experienced with English , familiar with French , Levantine Arabic .
Computer languages	Experienced with HTML , CSS , Sass , JavaScript , TypeScript , Markdown , familiar with SVG , LaTeX .
Browser APIs	Experienced with Fetch , URL , History , Temporal , Web Storage , Service Worker , Web Animations , Canvas .
React libraries	Experienced with React , React Router , React Aria , React Intl , react-beautiful-dnd , usehooks-ts , Slate , downshift .
React frameworks	Experienced with Next.js .
Animation libraries	Experienced with React Transition Group , familiar with Framer Motion .
State management	Familiar with Redux , React Redux , Redux-Saga .
CSS-in-JS	Experienced with vanilla-extract , styled-components , polished , familiar with CSS Modules .
JS libraries	Experienced with Immer , Lodash , Nano ID , clsx , familiar with Axios , Workbox , Floating UI , D3.js , Fontsource , remark .
Component toolkits	Experienced with React Spectrum , MDC Web , Bootstrap , familiar with Fomantic-UI , Material UI , Ant Design .
CSS toolkits	Experienced with Spectrum CSS , familiar with Bulma .
Linters & formatters	Experienced with ESLint , Stylelint , Knip , familiar with Prettier .
UI tools	Experienced with Storybook , npm , pnpm , Yarn , esbuild , Vite , Rollup , SWC , webpack , GraphQL Code Generator .
API & back-end	Experienced with GraphQL , Apollo , Express , Prisma , familiar with Node.js , PostgreSQL , joi , Pino , Redis , BullMQ , sharp .
Testing & debugging	Experienced with Chrome DevTools , Jest , React Testing Library , Sentry , husky , familiar with Cypress , New Relic .
CI/CD	Experienced with CircleCI , familiar with GitHub Actions .
Cloud platforms	Experienced with Heroku , Vercel , Netlify , familiar with Cloudflare Pages , Firebase .
SaaS tools	Experienced with Cloudflare CDN , Backblaze B2 , Paddle , SendGrid , familiar with Stripe , Auth0 , Segment , Hotjar , Heap .
Development tools	Experienced with Arch Linux , Git , Neovim , i3 , kitty , Zsh , rofi , eza , ripgrep , fd , diskus , fzf , fx , bat , pgcli .
Design tools	Experienced with Figma , Zeplin , Squoosh , SVGO , familiar with Photopea , ImageMagick , GIMP , Inkscape .
Design systems	Experienced with Material Design , Adobe Spectrum , familiar with Human Interface Guidelines .
Design concepts	Experienced with Color , Typography , Spacing , Layouts , Motion , Effects , Shapes , Iconography , Data visualization .
Management tools	Experienced with GitHub , Jira , Slack , familiar with GitLab , Bitbucket , Trello .

Education

2012 - 2015

BS in Computer Science, *Lebanese American University*, Byblos, Lebanon