

Abid Ali

Senior Frontend Engineer / Frontend Tech Lead

React · TypeScript · Next.js · React Native

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SUMMARY

Frontend Tech Lead with 10+ years shipping production software, five of them owning frontend architecture at Air Arabia, the Middle East's largest low-cost carrier. Built the React and TypeScript foundations behind its booking and crew platforms including a private component library adopted across product teams, and a React Native app live in the App Store used daily by cabin crew. Set the code review and release standards the frontend group worked to, and mentored the engineers who now run it. Relocated to the UK in 2024; looking for a team where architecture and engineering standards are part of the role rather than an afterthought.

SKILLS

Languages & Core: TypeScript, JavaScript (ES6+), HTML5, CSS3, SCSS

Frameworks & Libraries: React, Next.js (App Router, SSR, SSG, Server Components), React Native, Redux, Zustand, Node.js, Express

Frontend Engineering: Design systems, component libraries, Tailwind CSS, responsive design, web accessibility (WCAG 2.1), Core Web Vitals, performance optimisation, code splitting, Webpack, Vite

Testing: Jest, React Testing Library, unit testing, integration testing

Backend & Data: REST API design, MySQL, Sequelize, MongoDB, Mongoose

Cloud & DevOps: AWS (EC2, RDS, S3, Route 53, Load Balancing), Docker, CI/CD, Jenkins, Git, Bitbucket, GitHub

AI-Assisted Development: Claude Code, Cursor, GitHub Copilot, Codex; agentic coding workflows, prompt-driven refactoring, AI-assisted code review and test generation

Leadership & Process: Technical leadership, code review, mentoring, architecture design, Agile, Scrum, Jira, Figma

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Frontend Engineer | Dot IT Consulting Ltd | Bristol, UK

September 2024 – Present

- Build and maintain client-facing product surfaces in React, TypeScript and Next.js, establishing reusable design-system patterns that removed repeated UI work across features.
- Lead frontend code review and set coding standards for the team, catching architectural issues before they reach production and keeping the codebase consistent as it grows.
- Define REST API contracts and data flows jointly with backend engineers ahead of implementation, removing integration rework late in the release cycle.
- Introduced AI-assisted development workflows using Claude Code and Cursor, defining team usage standards and review guardrails so generated code meets the same review bar as hand-written code.
- Deliver features in an Agile/Scrum environment with automated CI/CD deployment.

Frontend Tech Lead | Air Arabia | Dubai, UAE

September 2019 – August 2024

- Led frontend engineering across Air Arabia's product teams, owning React and TypeScript architecture for customer booking platforms and internal airline operations tools.
- Designed and published an internal React component library to a private npm registry, establishing it as the shared UI foundation across product teams and eliminating duplicated component work between them.
- Owned frontend performance for the booking experience, applying code splitting, bundle reduction and render optimisation to a high-traffic commercial flow.
- Delivered aeroLINE Crew, a React Native application published on the App Store and used daily by cabin crew to manage duties and rosters in place of a manual process.
- Introduced pull request standards, review guidelines and a frontend release checklist, raising code quality and reducing defects reaching production.

- Mentored frontend developers through code review and pair programming, growing the team's TypeScript, component design and testing practice.
- Partnered with team leads, managers and directors to translate business requirements into scoped, estimated frontend delivery plans.

Frontend & Backend Developer | CitrusBits | Islamabad, Pakistan

2014 – August 2019

- Delivered client web and mobile applications end-to-end for US product companies, including Champions Round, a real-money fantasy sports platform, and the Burger King mobile app.
- Built real-time draft and live scoring for Champions Round using Node.js and WebSockets, keeping contest state synchronised across users during NFL, NBA and MLB game windows.
- Built full-stack applications with Angular, Node.js, MySQL and Sequelize on AWS (EC2, RDS, load balancing), and mentored junior developers across sports, food service and e-commerce projects.

SELECTED PROJECTS

aeroLINE Crew — Air Arabia | React Native Crew duty and roster management application used daily by cabin crew. apps.apple.com/az/app/aeroline-crew/id1572857671

Microproducts — Air Arabia | React, TypeScript, Material UI, Redux, SCSS Suite of internal web applications managing airline operational data.

API Gateway — Air Arabia | Node.js, Express Service gateway routing requests between backend systems and Air Arabia mobile applications.

Champions Round — CitrusBits client | Node.js, WebSockets, Angular, MySQL, AWS Real-money fantasy sports platform with real-time drafting and live scoring. apps.apple.com/app/champions-round/id1460675793

FullyRaw by Kristina — CitrusBits client | Angular, Node.js, MySQL, AWS Subscription recipe and meal-planning platform with tiered premium content, in-app payments and progress tracking. 50K+ Google Play downloads, 4.0 rating. play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.frm.fullyraw

Earlier (CitrusBits, 2014–2019): Burger King mobile app; Z.E.N Classics; Favourite Run; Go Griddy. Angular, Node.js, MySQL, AWS.