

# Afton Gauntlett, Senior Frontend Developer

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

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Senior Frontend Developer with 6+ years building accessible interfaces that make complex workflows feel clear and human. I specialize in design systems, component architecture, and tight design-engineering collaboration, with a focus on thoughtful interaction details and products that hold up in real-world use.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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TypeScript • JavaScript • React • Next.js • Astro • Vue • Tailwind CSS • Framer Motion • GSAP • Three.js • Storybook • TanStack Query • Jest • Supabase • PostgreSQL • Git • Vercel • Accessibility (WCAG, Section 508)

## EXPERIENCE

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### Booz Allen Hamilton

#### Lead Engineer

03/2023 - 05/2025

- Led frontend architecture for multiple production applications, introducing Storybook and shared frontend patterns that improved consistency and reduced redundant UI work as systems scaled.
- Designed and delivered a stepper-driven data portal to replace a manual Excel and email process, streamlining a previously error-prone workflow and strengthening the proposal against competing bids on a high-value contract.
- Worked with stakeholders and designers early in the process, using Figma-based workflows and lightweight prototypes to shape interaction and layout decisions before writing large amounts of code.
- Built frontend interfaces and internal tooling for a secure LLM-powered chatbot, and authored workflows that enabled the team to use it for code assistance under compliance constraints.

#### Software Engineer

03/2022 - 03/2023

- Led an Angular-to-React migration with a focus on improving UI structure, component reuse, and long-term maintainability while preserving familiar user workflows.
- Introduced shared frontend standards and tooling - Prettier, ESLint, Husky - and led a shift from class-based to functional components, adopting TanStack Query to make data and state handling more consistent and predictable across the UI.
- Authored onboarding guides and accessibility documentation, helping new developers understand system patterns and build interfaces that are usable by default.

### Gauntlet Designs, Founder

01/2020 - Present (Freelance)

- Founded a small web studio delivering design-focused products for small businesses and nonprofits, with an emphasis on clarity, accessibility, and long-term maintainability.
- Designed and built a multi-state employee portal and scheduling platform still in active use, focusing on clear interaction patterns and reducing friction in day-to-day tasks.
- Led UX strategy, prototyping, and frontend development across projects, established reusable UI patterns and documentation that reduced inconsistency and improved development speed across projects

### IronClad, UI Developer

01/2022 - 03/2022

- Contributed to early-stage product direction by creating wireframes and interaction flows that clarified requirements and aligned design and engineering.
- Documented layout decisions, accessibility considerations, and interaction patterns to establish a shared reference point for implementation.

- Built a custom scroll-driven timeline experience using Vue, GSAP, and CSS, translating a motion-heavy design into a smooth, performant interface.
- Developed reusable Vue components for geospatial workflows, with accessibility and clarity built into component behavior and structure.
- Documented UI patterns and interaction details to support consistency as the product evolved.

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

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### Platinum Award (Booz Allen Hamilton)

2024

Designed and built a registration and scheduling platform for a multi-day convention, creating a clear and reliable experience for session selection and on-site coordination.

### Gold Award (Booz Allen Hamilton)

2023

Designed and prototyped product concepts directly with clients, helping establish a clear direction and shared understanding before development.

### Gold Award (Booz Allen Hamilton)

2022

Led the redesign of a widely used internal application, improving usability and visual clarity and making the interface easier to navigate and understand.

## EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

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### George Washington University, 2020

Web Development Certification

### General Assembly, 2022

User Experience Design

### CompTIA, 2022

Security+ (Active)

## PROJECTS & VOLUNTEER WORK

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### No Whiteboard Jobs Dashboard - Side Project

[no-wb.org](https://no-wb.org)

Designed and built a data-focused dashboard for exploring the Hiring Without Whiteboards dataset, with search, filtering, pagination, and responsive layouts that support real user workflows. Focused on clarity, usability, and consistent interaction patterns. Built with Astro, TypeScript, and Tailwind CSS, using AI-assisted workflows to support rapid iteration while maintaining code quality.

### Pretty Pretty Pretty Good - Freelance Studio

[prettyprettyprettygood.org/](https://prettyprettyprettygood.org/)

A mission-driven freelance studio focused on custom websites for nonprofits, community organizations, artists, and values-aligned people. The model is access-first: free when funding is not available, and sliding-scale when clients can contribute. Built with Astro and deployed on Vercel, with Upstash Redis for lightweight serverless data features.

### Siren Song Shop

[sirensongshop.com/](https://sirensongshop.com/)

A curated recommendation platform built as an editorial-first alternative to affiliate storefronts, where every listing is hand-vetted for trust, ethics, and practical usefulness. Includes structured content collections, admin-authenticated publishing workflows, accessible component architecture, and lightweight atmospheric motion that respects reduced-motion preferences. Built with Astro and TypeScript, with Keystatic-powered content modeling and validation via Zod.