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SUMMARY

Mobile/frontend engineer with 5+ years building and shipping a production React Native application as the sole frontend developer. Took the app from scratch through iOS and Android release, owned it end-to-end through ongoing feature development and maintenance, and worked cross-functionally with web, backend, design, and product teams. Native English speaker based in Japan, currently developing Japanese.

SKILLS

React Native, TypeScript, JavaScript • AWS • Git / Bitbucket / Jira • Figma (design handoff) • Push notifications • Cross-functional collaboration (web, backend, design, product) • AI-assisted development (Claude Code, Codex) • Technical handover / team onboarding

EXPERIENCE

Frontend Engineer (Contract) — Guusto Gifts Inc.

Mar 2020 – Jul 2026

Remote, Canada-based company

- Sole frontend developer on the company's React Native mobile app — designed and built it from scratch and shipped it to the iOS App Store and Google Play Store
- Owned the app independently for 5+ years: feature development, bug fixes, performance improvements, and release management
- Implemented and maintained push notification infrastructure
- Integrated with AWS-based backend services
- Worked closely with web, backend, design, and product teams from requirements through release
- Implemented UI from Figma designs; used Bitbucket and Jira for version control and sprint workflow
- Used Claude Code and Codex to speed up development and code review
- Handled full technical knowledge transfer and training for an incoming Brazil-based replacement team during the final 3 months of the contract, as the company shifted engineering to better align with Canada HQ working hours

EDUCATION

Coding Bootcamp — Web Development, React & React Native

Jun 2019 – Dec 2019

British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT), Canada

Associate's Degree, Computer Information Technology (2011–2013), followed by a Game Development specialization (2013–2015). Completed all coursework for a bachelor's-equivalent program; final practicum project was not submitted, so the degree was not formally conferred.

WORK AUTHORIZATION

Spouse visa holder in Japan — no visa sponsorship required to work for any employer in Japan.