Will Hawks

SOFTWARE ENGINEER

Details

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Links

LinkedIn

Technical Skills

TypeScript / JavaScript

React

React Native / Expo

Next.js / Remix / React Router

Vue

CSS / Tailwind / Sass

Jest / Testing Library

Node.js

REST / GraphQL

Prisma / PostgreSQL

PHP / WordPress

Accessibility (WCAG)

Git

Hobbies

Woodworking
3D printing
Home lab & self-hosting
IoT / home automation
Mechanical repair

Professional Summary

Software engineer with 9 years of full-stack experience and a specialty in polished, UX-driven frontend work. Most recently a Tensure consultant building an innovative, design-forward React Native/Expo trading app with real-time charting and streaming market data. Past client work includes Mailchimp's email editor and a Vue 2 to 3 migration. Earlier, built 30+ sites end-to-end, from custom WordPress themes and REST APIs to headless Next.js builds, including the accessibility-focused Mississippi Department of Human Services site.

Work Experience

Software Engineer, Tensure Consulting, Remote

SEPT 2024 — OCT 2026

Software consultant providing frontend and cross-platform engineering to SaaS clients.

- **Topstep** — Nov 2025 to present: Core engineer on a greenfield cross-platform React Native/Expo app for futures trading. Set up the app's routing structure and implemented the design system as a reusable component library, building most of the shared UI components the team's feature work builds on. Worked on real-time charting with streaming price data, and GraphQL/REST integrations.
- **Todyl** — Jun 2025 to Nov 2025: Part of the team migrating the frontend from Vue 2 to Vue 3; migrated full features to the Composition API and handled incremental refactors along the way.
- **Intuit** — Mailchimp (Email Editor team) — Oct 2024 to Jan 2025: Worked on Mailchimp's React-based drag-and-drop email editor, shipping UX improvements, accessibility fixes, and performance optimizations.

Web Developer, Creative Distillery, Jackson, MS

SEPT 2017 — SEPT 2024

Marketing firm serving nonprofits, small businesses, and state government clients.

- Built 30+ custom WordPress sites with from-scratch themes, plus headless builds using Next.js and Gatsby with WordPress and Sanity as CMSs.
- mdhs.ms.gov: Led development on the Mississippi Department of Human Services site (100k+ monthly users). Built 25+ custom Gutenberg blocks that enforced the design system, React-powered interactive blocks backed by custom WP REST API endpoints, and integrations with external MDHS services. Exceeded government accessibility standards.
- m2l.tv: Built a Netflix-style video platform for Move to Learn MS in Next.js, integrated with their WordPress site.

Multimedia Specialist, Raborn Media, Madison, MS

AUG 2016 — MAY 2017

Responsibilities included full-site SEO analysis and audits and keyword targeting, which served as an introduction to web development.

Education

B.S. in Communications, Mississippi College, Clinton, MS

Concentration in Journalism, Minor in Mathematics