



# ASH BLUE

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## SUMMARY

Ash has been leading front-end teams for 10+ years in creating award winning websites. Working with agencies, financial, and entertainment. His full stack experience helps him empower teams to create scalable front-end solutions that harmonize communication with the back-end. In addition to mentoring, open source contributions, and organizing development Meetup events. Ash co-authored [HTML5 in Action](#) under Manning Publications, writing on interactive media APIs.

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## EXPERIENCE

### *Talent Expert, Aquent*

Remote — 2017 - Present

Responsible for interviewing potential web developer candidates and evaluating their skills. Each candidate was evaluated on subjects such as HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and Node.js. Then given a score from no experience to expert. In addition to evaluating candidates I also provided feedback on how to improve their resume and skillset.

### **Accomplishments**

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## SKILLS

Angular 2+, Typescript, Angular CLI, Ember.js, Node.js, Express, Gulp, Webstorm, Rails, NoSQL, MongoDB, Linux, JavaScript v6+, HTML5, jQuery, SASS / SCSS, CSS3+, Bootstrap 4, C#, Unity3D, REST, team management (remote/local), Scrum, Agile, Kanban, Git

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## REFERENCES

### **Juan Vasquez - Tastemaker Co-founder & CTO**

“Aside from being the strongest front end developer I've ever worked with, he's articulate, detail-oriented, and brings a great attitude every day.”

### **Renaë Gregoire Manning Pub. - Dev Editor**

“... the technical expert who put Ash's chapters through their paces before we sent them to production wrote to tell me that, and I quote: "The chapter code was unusually clean - I was

- Gave remote interviews from home via webcam and professional audio
- Collaborated with other developers and agents to conduct interviews digitally
- Assisted in interviewing candidates to evaluate strengths, weaknesses, and team compatibility
- Helped candidates improve their resume and skillset with interview feedback

### *Senior Front-End Developer, AUTOPAY*

Denver, CO — 2015 - 2017

Senior front-end responsible for organizing multiple members and coordinating with the back-end. Architected all Node.js environments and primary front-end consultant for all departments. Rewrote a large chunk of the company's legacy front-end into a modular format that rapidly sped up development. Also responsible for maintaining a large scale Ember.js and Angular 2 application.

#### **Accomplishments**

- Lead the front-end team on choosing frameworks and gave presentations of the strengths / weaknesses of all available options
- Rolled and maintained an Angular 2 development environment with Typescript and Gulp. Built on top of a base inheritance system I custom architected that greatly sped up the delivery rate of new features
- Collaborated with another senior dev to migrate roughly 20 staff members from SVN to GIT
- Established GIT standards via GIT Flow and trained junior devs on advanced branching strategy
- Assisted in interviewing candidates to evaluate strengths, weaknesses, and team compatibility

### *Senior Web Developer, Blue Ashes*

San Francisco, CA — 2014 - Current

Senior developer working for top-tier creative agencies and startups. In charge of development teams for companies such as Nvidia, Visa, and several other major clients. Was

pleasantly surprised to see such an elaborate example from a book work so smoothly."

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## **Example Project**

### **MEAN Checklist**

Angular CLI with Node.js full stack sample app. Deployed on Heroku, you can view the source code and interact with the app here.

<http://blueashes.com/2017/web-development/mean-checklist-example-application/>

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## **EDUCATION**

LCCC 06 - 08 | Computer Science

staffed to give projects a clear development direction, provide consulting, code software, and communicate technical aspects of the project directly with end-clients.

### **Accomplishments**

- Managed teams of 3 - 5 developers by breaking up large scale front-end projects
- Created front-end projects for clients such as Nvidia, Visa, and startups that received high volume traffic
- Developed products with NodeJS, Yeoman, Rails, JavaScript, and HTML5 to create / maintain full stack applications
- Kept up with fluctuating client schedules and maintained vigorous deadlines
- Put in front of the end-client on many occasions to deliver development status updates

### ***Front End Developer, Tastemaker***

San Francisco, CA — 2013

Created a standardized CSS and JavaScript system that boosted page speed load times at least 40% while increasing front-end productivity. Reworked a large portion of the existing code base to utilize responsive layouts with SCSS and HTML5. Built several stand alone JavaScript apps such as a reusable front-end cropping tool, visual image editor, and form validation library.

### **Accomplishments**

- Front-end (CSS, HTML, JS, ect) and Rails development with server side components
- Created front-end architecture and standardized solutions to better facilitate code consistency
- Utilizing the newest HTML5 APIs with graceful degradation to older browsers
- Company was disbanded after we ran out of funding

### ***Software Engineer, Wikia Inc.***

San Francisco, CA — 2012 - 2013

Creation of and maintaining a custom JavaScript framework for visual data representation. Developing a custom CSS framework for a responsive data dashboard. Full stack development with Ruby on Rails, MySQL, Apache, and Linux.

### **Accomplishments**

- Creation of a reusable JavaScript MVC data visualization framework for graphs and tables
- Developing a custom CSS framework for responsive data dashboards used throughout the office
- Full stack development with Ruby on Rails, MySQL, Apache, and Linux

### ***Front-End Developer, The Nerdery***

Chicago, IL — 2011 - 2012

Primarily responsible for keeping track of myself in a fast-paced environment. Development projects revolved around JavaScript applications and creating re-sizable front-end solutions for CMSs. President of the game development club. Responsible for training small teams on new technology while achieving demanding project deadlines.

### **Accomplishments**

- Heavy focus on crafting cutting edge JavaScript applications to increase user engagement for existing IPs and big companies
- Trained junior developers with new technologies and developed training materials for onboarding
- President of the Chicago game development club