JULIAN MERCER

ENTRY-LEVEL FRONTEND DEVELOPER

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Entry-level Frontend Developer with 1+ years of internship and full-time experience building accessible React and TypeScript interfaces. Writes clean, tested components, cares about performance and keyboard access, and learns quickly from code review.

CORE SKILLS

React | TypeScript | JavaScript | HTML5 | CSS and Sass | Accessibility (WCAG) | Responsive design | Jest | Testing Library | Git | Storybook | Figma handoff | Web performance | REST APIs

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Junior Frontend Developer Sep 2025 - Present
Shopify, Ottawa, ON

- Implemented responsive layouts from Figma designs for merchant admin pages, passing design review on first submission 80% of the time and matching the design system.
- Resolved 35 front-end bugs across Chrome, Safari, and Firefox, documenting browser-specific causes in each ticket so teammates could avoid repeating the same fixes.
- Improved Lighthouse accessibility scores from 84 to 96 by fixing semantic markup, focus order, and color contrast.
- Documented component props and usage examples in Storybook, reducing repeated setup questions from new teammates and making components easier to find and reuse.
- Wrote Jest and Testing Library tests for new settings components, raising module coverage from 60% to 85% and running them in every pull request.
- Paired weekly with a senior engineer on Git workflow and small refactors, applying the feedback to every pull request in the following sprint and shortening review rounds.
- Built a CSS cleanup script that removed 600 lines of unused styles from a legacy stylesheet, making later layout changes faster to review and safer to ship.

Frontend Developer Intern May 2025 - Aug 2025

- Built six reusable React components in TypeScript for a merchant settings page, adopted by two feature teams within the internship and covered by unit tests.
- Fixed 23 accessibility issues flagged by axe audits, adding labels, focus order, and keyboard support to key forms so they could be completed without a mouse.
- Reduced a settings screen bundle by 18% by lazy-loading a rarely used editor and trimming duplicate dependencies, which shortened load time on slower connections.
- Wrote 40 Jest and Testing Library tests covering form validation, raising component coverage from 52% to 81%.
- Presented a final demo to 30 engineers and merged review feedback, with the feature released to all merchants the following sprint after one accessibility re-test.
- Wrote a short usage guide for the new components and presented it to two teams, helping them adopt the shared pieces without extra support.
- Paired with a senior engineer on keyboard and focus testing, then added screen-reader checks to the pull request template for the settings team.

EDUCATION

B.S. in Computer Science, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON

CERTIFICATIONS

Meta Front-End Developer Professional Certificate | freeCodeCamp Responsive Web Design