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Full-Stack Engineer & Founder

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SUMMARY

Full-stack engineer with 7+ years building scalable, user-centric web and mobile applications. Today I am the founder of Northgrove, where I design and ship AI-powered products end to end. I built Grovbite, an AI meal-planning app, on my own: the iOS and Android apps, the Node and Prisma backend, real-time sync, subscriptions, and the LLM recipe engine. Comfortable across the stack (React, Next.js, React Native, Node, PostgreSQL) with a strong eye for design and product.

EXPERIENCE

Founder & Engineer, [Northgrove AS](#)

2025 – Present · Førde, Norway

- Founded Northgrove AS and built Grovbite, an AI-powered meal-planning and grocery app, end to end.
- Shipped native iOS and Android apps (React Native, Expo) and a Next.js web app from a shared TypeScript monorepo.
- Built the backend on Node, Prisma, and PostgreSQL with real-time sync over WebSockets, background job queues, and Redis.
- Integrated an LLM engine for recipe and meal-plan generation, subscriptions (RevenueCat, Stripe), and authentication (Clerk).
- Deployed and operate the product on Fly.io, owning the full stack, infrastructure, and roadmap.

Frontend Developer, [Sparebanken Sogn og Fjordane](#)

2022 – 2023 · Førde, Norway

- Built user interfaces for [ssf.no](#) and online banking within a large, cross-functional digital team.
- Implemented dark mode across the public site with a focus on accessibility.
- Built the "My Funds" section of the online bank to make fund information more intuitive.
- Worked with Angular, React, Gatsby, TypeScript, Sanity CMS, and Styled Components in production.

Frontend Developer, [Makobu Enterprises PLC](#)

2020 – 2022 · Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

- Redesigned and built the company website with a modern, responsive UI, increasing engagement by 25%.
- Implemented an SEO strategy that improved visibility and search rankings.
- Built scalable web applications with Node.js, Express, React, and Redux.

Frontend / Squarespace Developer, [Zoscales Partners](#)

2019 – 2020 · Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

- Redesigned and developed the company website with a modern design and improved navigation.
- Improved information architecture to make content more accessible and intuitive.
- Delivered custom solutions with Squarespace, HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.

SELECTED PROJECTS

CollabEspace · collabespace.com

A Slack-inspired real-time collaboration platform with live messaging, workspaces, presence indicators, and in-chat AI (Claude API). Next.js, TypeScript, WebSockets, Prisma, PostgreSQL.

Kewich · kewich.com

A cross-border eCommerce platform bringing U.S. brands to customers across Africa, with real-time order tracking and Stripe payments. Next.js, TypeScript, Prisma.

SKILLS

Frontend	React, Next.js, React Native, TypeScript, Tailwind CSS, Styled Components, TanStack Query, Zustand
Backend & Data	Node.js, Express, PostgreSQL, Prisma, MongoDB, REST APIs, WebSockets, Redis
AI	LLM integration (Claude API), AI product features, prompt design
Auth & Payments	Clerk, NextAuth, OAuth 2.0, JWT, Stripe, RevenueCat
DevOps	Vercel, Fly.io, Docker, CI/CD (GitHub Actions)
Tools	Git, Figma, Jira · Also: Solidity (basic)

EDUCATION

Full-Stack Web Development

Georgia Institute of Technology

Intensive MERN-stack bootcamp: REST APIs, responsive UIs, authentication, and deployment.

Electrical Engineering (incomplete)

Tri-State University

Foundational coursework in mathematics, digital systems, and electrical design.

LANGUAGES

English (Native) · Amharic (Native) · French (Advanced) · Norwegian, Nynorsk (B1)