Evan Mac Hale

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Profile

Senior engineer with expertise in full-stack software, product design & user experience research. Experienced leading *multidisciplinary* teams to deliver scalable cloud applications using Python, Django, Azure, TypeScript, React, Vue & Figma.

Passionate about standardisation & automation of design systems to rapidly iterate & ship features that improve developer & customer experiences. Also, obsessed with grid systems.

Outside of work, I paint & read history or the sciences; At the moment, I can't stop thinking about 3-spheres...

Core Technologies

Python, Django, REST, FastAPI, Wagtail, PostgresSQL, SQL, Redis, GitLab CI, Azure, Event Grid, Server-less Functions, HTML, XML, JavaScript, TypeScript, React, Redux, Vue, Pinia, Axios, CSS, Sass, Tailwind, Bootstrap, Storybook, Figma, Adobe, AI, Claude, Ollama.

Experience

Senior Full Stack Engineer / Ekco Security R&D / November 2022 – present

Leading user research, product design workshops & full-stack software delivery across multiple strategic initiatives. Regularly facilitate discovery sessions using tools such as task analysis, user journeys & affinity diagrams before leading technical implementation.

Key Projects & Achievements

CMS Integration (Wagtail)

Led the migration from a bespoke category/page nesting architecture to Wagtail Page Models, significantly improving scalability and content management capabilities.

- Re-designed router & navigation components to leverage Wagtail increased performance.
- Expanded CMS capabilities with page types, content blocks & user role/permissions.

Backup & Disaster Recovery (BDR) Integration (Veeam)

Led front-end delivery for migration from a legacy BDR platform.

- Integrated Veeam backup & restore features for Microsoft 365.
- Built in-browser replacement for Veeam desktop application.
- Implemented real-time notifications & logging.
- Automated database synchronisation periodic tasks.

AI Adoption (Claude Code)

Led AI adoption across the engineering & design workflows.

- Built reusable Agents representing product owners & domain experts.
- Wrote Skills & Architectural Decision Records.
- Integrated Azure Foundry into internal development processes.

ITSM Integration (Freshservice)

Delivered a unified customer ticketing experience.

- Integrated Freshservice ticket management.
- Built self-service portal functionality.
- Implemented AI-powered ticket recommendation assistant.
- Led interaction design for AI, specifically focusing on AI design patterns.

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Invitation & Role Management (SendGrid)

Modernised authentication & user management.

- Migrated from Django Groups to Role-Based Access Control (RBAC).
- Updated roles to include products-aware permissions.
- Built user, invitation & role administration user interfaces.

Feedback Integration (Jira)

Designed a server-less customer feedback platform.

- Built event driven Azure Functions in Python to populate Azure Queue Storage.
- Integrated Jira ticket creation using Azure Key Vault & SendGrid.

Front-End Modernisation (Vue/React)

Led migration of a 5+ year old application to modern tooling.

- Removed megabytes of legacy dependencies & technical debt.
- Migrated to the latest agnostic tools, reducing CI process times.
- Replaced Bootstrap Cuba theme architecture.
- Introduced a design system via Atomic Design & Component Driven User Interfaces.

Micro-front-ends (Source Maps)

Led research of WebAssembly (WASM) micro front-end architecture using Blazor & Vue using recent support for source maps. Although the initiative was discontinued due to state management limitations, the research informed future architectural decisions.

Full Stack Engineer / Shipyard Technology R&D / December 2020 – November 2022

Worked across product engineering, cloud infrastructure & design system initiatives.

Key Projects & Achievements

Custom Docker Image (Strapi)

- Developed custom Docker image for Strapi to retain previous configuration.
- Setup infrastructure-as-code using Terraform
- Created modular Helm Charts for K8s.

Design System Initiative

- Conducted user interface audits across acquired businesses.
- Built technology radar visualisations using D3.
- Standardised design language across multiple products.

Education

Bachelor of Science [Hons] in Creative Computing

September 2015 – July 2019
Institute of Art, Design & Technology

Master of Arts in Human–Computer Interaction Design

September 2019 – August 2020
National College of Art & Design

Leaving Certificate

August 2009 – June 2015
St. Vincent's College

References

Contact details available upon request

Mr. Glyn Darkin
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Clear Route

Mr. Yoeran Kaniok
Development Technical Lead
Ekco

Mr. Alan Flood
Senior Software Engineer
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