JUSTIN REESE

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I like to make good things with good people. I work with stable organizations solving humane, tractable problems. Are you designing tools and methods to improve conditions for displaced people? Simplifying public access to government services? **Let's talk.** Circumventing privacy guards for ad networks? Definitely not a fit.

I thrive in environments with clear, healthy communication. Where we're eager to see each other succeed. Where our users are valued and respected. Where people go home at night and bring fresh ideas in the morning. Where speed bumps are expected. Where the organization is as attentively-designed as what we build.

I've designed and developed production web applications…
- using React, Node, Ruby on Rails, Django, and custom PHP
- backed by MySQL, PostgreSQL, and remote XML/JSON APIs
- hosted on AWS, Heroku, Azure, and dedicated Linux iron
- prototyped in Figma, Sketch, and Adobe XD

I've broken things in production. And then fixed things in production. And then added robust staging platforms and QA processes so that it wouldn't happen again. **I'm experienced, dependable, and ready to build great things with you.**

WORK / EDUCATION

2017–Current Freelance product manager, UX/UI designer and developer for civic, journalistic, and humanitarian projects. Notable clients include: **Digital Impact Alliance**, **Duke Reporters' Lab**, **MIT Media Lab**, **Wikimedia Foundation**, **Hearken**, **Harmony Labs**, **CQ Roll Call**, and author **Zeynep Tufekci**. References: Dan Schultz (dan@biffud.com), Christopher Guess (christopher.guess@duke.edu), and Zeynep Tufekci (zeynep@technosociology.org).

2015–2017 UX/UI designer and developer at **DocumentCloud**, formerly part of the non-profit **Investigative Reporters & Editors**. Spoke at **IRE**, **NICAR**, and **SRCCON** journalism conferences. References: Former project lead Ted Han (ted@documentcloud.org) and Tony DeBarros (adebarros@gmail.com).

2008–2015 Founder and lead developer of software consultancy **Busker Web**. Designed and built custom enterprise software for clients such as Essilor Labs and Bon-Ton.

Earlier Built PHP and Rails apps for clients like Samsung and Dell; freelanced while traveling Europe; earned a B.A. in English with a Journalism minor from the University of Texas at Tyler; owned and published a magazine directory for the largest U.S. flea market; earned an A.A. in Business Administration from Tyler Junior College.

VOLUNTEER / EXTRACURRICULAR

2021 Began the Masters of Global Policy Studies program at the **LBJ School of Public Affairs** at the University of Texas studying refugee and asylum policy. Current status: on a family-related leave of absence.

2020 Volunteered at the Moria hotspot in Greece with **EuroRelief** and locally with a regular **Meals on Wheels** route.

2016 Co-founded film production collective **Make Do With**. Produced several short films and developed an un-produced feature-length documentary about resettled refugees in southwest Missouri.

2014–2015 Volunteered as chairman of the **Downtown Tyler Film Festival**. Improved the profile and reputation of the festival and the number and quality of submissions. Mentored young filmmakers.

2013 Became a licensed foster home; foster-adopted our (now) son. Co-wrote/directed the sci-fi short film **No Matter How Far**.

2007–Current Volunteered as resident technologist and content advisor with anti-trafficking NGO **For The Silent**, including traveling to Cambodia as a videographer (2008).

2003 Volunteered at a medical clinic in central Mexico.