

# Darren Labithiotis

Remote Senior Software Engineer

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A passionate software engineer, with over 8+ years of experience building SasS projects from the ground up. Skills range from building scalable and performant backend services utilising docker, NodeJs & Typescript, to rich and complex single-pager's with React/Redux apps and component libraries from scratch. Along with building a variety of React Native apps available on Apple and Android stores.

Before becoming a software engineer I achieved a first-class degree in Computer Games Design. This background, combined with my coding ability, helps me to deliver projects to a high standard, with a keen eye for user experience and detail.

After living and working in London for 10+ years, in 2018 I transitioned to becoming a full-time remote contractor along with relocating to Austria. This has allowed me to become more focused and deliver faster with fewer distractions. With today's technology, it's easy to attend meetings, daily stand-ups and pair program as if co-located.

**Practices** XP, Pair-Programming, TDD, Kanban, Sprints, Retros, CI/CD, Measure to iterate.

**Languages** Typescript, JavaScript ES5/ES6, JSX, HTML, CSS, Less/Sass, Node, PHP, NoSQL, SQL, Bash, Terraform.

**Libraries** React, React Native, Styled-Components, Redux, GraphQL, Jest, Cypress, Mocha, Backbone, jQuery, Express, Koa, Lodash, Handlebars, Jade, Moment, Numeral, Bootstrap, AWS, MongoDB, MySQL, Postgres, Redis, Webpack, Parcel.

**Tools** Webstorm, VSCode, Figma, Sketch, Photoshop, Slack, Asana, Jira, Miro, Browserstack, Looker, MixPanel, Segment, StatHat, DataDog, Rollbar, CircleCi, Jenkins, TeamViewer, Zoom.

## Experience

### Name Combos React Native App

April 2020

Apple store: <https://apple.co/3ciZ0kB>

- A React Native mobile app to help users come up with name combinations, providing a list of names and ability to favourite them and then see possible combinations.

### Senior Software Engineer @ Triptease

April 2016 - April 2020

Leading hotel booking platform with 10,000+ of hotels <https://triptease.com/>

- Built a service that collects prices from online travel agents in realtime and handles over 100s of requests a minute. Utilising caching and multiple strategies to avoid bot detection like auto IP pooling and full browser emulation. <https://triptease.com/en/parity>
- Designed and built a performant service to manage clients branding used by client dashboards and internal teams. It implemented an immutable database to have a built-in history of changes and deployed behind a CDN for performance.
- Built popup widgets that had to run on external client sites and work in isolation, i.e. it couldn't mutate or effect host sites. These widgets delivered a rich experience to our client's guests and help deliver uplift. <https://triptease.com/en/messages>
- Co-built Triptease's client platform, which supported several teams and used by clients to configure their suite of products as well as to measure their performance with rich dashboards and analytics.
- Built a bespoke component library for Triptease's client platform, consisting of an extensible data list component, rich UX drop-drops and reusable typography components.
- Created a spider scraping tool to scrape travel agent sites to obtain a list of hotel properties per country for Triptease sales leads. The tool also enriched this data with additional sources like Google, LinkedIn, and Tripadvisor for data like; home page, address confirmation, telephone number, ratings etc..

### Star Citizen Field Guide React Native App

January 2016

Apple store: <https://apple.co/2JJTjlc>

- A React Native mobile app for a highly anticipated game, Star Citizen. The app provided players with information about ships in the game. At its peak, it had over 3k active monthly users.

### Fullstack Developer @ Prism Digital

July 2015 - Sept 2015

- Built a job recruiters website and job board from the ground up, which highlighted company and allow users to view, search and apply for jobs. <https://prism-digital.co.uk>
- Site has a rich API to allow third-party job tools to post jobs in real-time with clear documentation. <https://prism-digital.co.uk/api>

### Head of Development @ Bopple

April 2013 - April 2016

A food & beverages mobile ordering platform <https://bopple.me>

- Built an HTML5 mobile app for venue staff to process mobile orders order via Bopple's mobile apps.
- Created a full CMS back office for venues to managed their accounts and products they sold.

## Education

- 1<sup>st</sup> Class Hons (BSc) in Computer Games Design **2005 - 2008** Staffordshire University
- MongoDB Certified Certificate **2015** MongoDB University

## Languages

Native English speaker and learning German