

# VALENTINA PANIC

## FRONTEND ENGINEER

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### SUMMARY

Frontend engineer with 5 years of production React and TypeScript experience in cybersecurity SaaS. Led a cross-team initiative that took weekly page visits on a key user surface at StackHawk from ~10% to ~32%, contributed to three production migrations (Semantic UI → Tailwind, Redux → Nanostores, React 19), and built out a 20+ component design system. Comfortable navigating backend services with AI assistance to ship cross-stack changes when needed. Daily AI-assisted development workflow with Cursor and Claude, including custom rules adopted across the team.

### EXPERIENCE

#### Front End Engineer | [StackHawk](#)

Aug 2022 – May 2026

Remote

#### Platform Modernization

- ▶ Main contributor on the full-application migration from Semantic UI to Tailwind CSS (working alongside the engineer leading the effort), establishing styling patterns adopted across the engineering team
- ▶ Migrated state management from Redux to Nanostores across feature areas, improving performance and developer experience
- ▶ Contributed to React 19 upgrade, resolving breaking changes across consuming components

#### Design System

- ▶ Built 20+ reusable components with Storybook documentation for the internal design system, standardizing UI patterns and accelerating new feature delivery
- ▶ Drove component adoption through code review and pairing with engineers across the team

#### Product Ownership

- ▶ Led the Daily Active Users initiative — translated team discussions about guided user experiences into a concrete redesign of the Getting Started page into a dashboard, including "Things to Do Today" (3 prioritized actions), Top 5 Vulnerabilities, and an Achievements section. Iterated with CEO feedback (reduced from 5 actions to 3). Weekly page visit rate rose from ~10% to ~32% after launch.

#### Feature Delivery & Cross-Stack Work

- ▶ Shipped 360+ features and fixes including Attack Surface Management, API Discovery, GitHub integration flows, and application management interfaces
- ▶ Occasionally contributed to backend tickets — protobuf schema updates and API contract changes — using AI assistance to navigate unfamiliar services and ship cross-stack changes
- ▶ Built custom D3.js data visualization (security metrics donut chart) used by enterprise customers for vulnerability reporting
- ▶ Developed integration UIs connecting 6+ third-party tools (Snyk, Jira, Slack, Vanta, Azure DevOps, Bitbucket), expanding platform reach for enterprise accounts

#### AI-Assisted Development

- ▶ Integrated Cursor and Claude into daily workflow for code generation, refactoring, testing, and navigating services outside primary expertise
- ▶ Authored custom Cursor and Claude rules and reusable prompts to enforce code quality and codebase consistency

#### Junior Front End Engineer | [StackHawk](#)

Apr 2021 – Aug 2022

Remote

- ▶ Shipped UI features in React, TypeScript, and Semantic UI for an application security platform, ramping to independent feature delivery within 6 months

#### General Manager | [El Chingon Mexican Bistro](#)

Dec 2013 – Jan 2020

Denver, CO

- ▶ Managed 20-person team and 100-seat restaurant operations; leadership and stakeholder communication experience that transferred directly to engineering team collaboration

### PROJECT

#### PrepCode

[prep-code.vercel.app](https://prep-code.vercel.app)

*Interview prep tool built after experiencing the senior frontend interview loop firsthand*

- ▶ Interview prep app covering system design questions, interactive quizzes, and timed component coding challenges
- ▶ Built with React, TypeScript, Tailwind CSS, and the Anthropic API for AI-powered feedback and evaluation
- ▶ Focused on the gaps I hit in my own interviews: API contracts, pagination patterns, and system design reasoning

### TECHNICAL SKILLS

<b>Frontend</b>	JavaScript, TypeScript, React, HTML/CSS, Tailwind CSS, Nanostores, Redux, React Context, D3.js, Storybook, Vite, Webpack
<b>Cross-Stack</b>	REST APIs, protobuf / gRPC schemas, API contracts
<b>Testing &amp; Quality</b>	Jest, Playwright, code review, accessibility (WCAG), responsive design
<b>Tools &amp; Practices</b>	Git/GitHub, CI/CD, Figma, Jira, Cursor, Claude, AI-assisted development, Agile/Scrum, component architecture, design systems

### EDUCATION

**Flatiron School** — Full-Stack Software Engineering Program

2020 – 2021

**University of Novi Sad, Serbia** — Bachelor in Management (cum laude)

2007 – 2012

**Languages:** Serbian (fluent), English (fluent), German (basic)