Tara Dunmore

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Front-end focused full-stack developer with years of experience specializing in design systems and Adobe Experience Manager (AEM), with a background in graphic and content design. Skilled in HTL, React, Java, and Sling Models, with a track record of owning design systems across many large-scale client projects and translating brand standards into scalable, accessible code.

Skills

- **Languages/Frameworks:** JavaScript, TypeScript, Java, React, HTL, Apache Sling Models, Sass, Tailwind, GraphQL, REST APIs, Next.js, Drupal, PHP, Node, SQL
- **CMS/Platforms:** Adobe Experience Manager (traditional & Cloud Service), WordPress Multisite, Adobe Edge Delivery Services
- **Tools:** Figma, Storybook, Jest, GitHub Actions, Maven, NPM/Homebrew, Git, Jira, Confluence, Notion, Trello
- **AI-Assisted Development:** Claude Code, Vercel v0 (personal projects)
- **Accessibility:** jest-axe, eslint-plugin-jsx-a11y, manual keyboard/screen reader testing, browser dev tools auditing
- **Practices:** Design systems, accessibility-conscious development, Agile/Scrum, cross-browser/responsive development

Experience

VML | 2021 – 2026

Frontend-Focused Fullstack Developer (Apr 2022 – Jul 2026) | Fullstack Developer Apprentice (Apr 2021 – Apr 2022)

- Owned and matured design systems across many large-scale client projects, ensuring visual and component consistency from Figma through to production
- Built and modernized component libraries using HTL or React (TypeScript), backed by Java and Apache Sling Models
- Developed within Adobe Experience Manager (traditional and Cloud Service), converting legacy code to current systems, identifying risks and dependencies during legacy-to-Cloud Service migrations
- Maintained test coverage with Jest, worked within CI/CD pipelines via GitHub Actions, and configured Maven build files
- Applied accessibility-conscious development practices across projects, including semantic HTML, ARIA, and alt text, validated through manual keyboard/screen reader testing, jest-axe, and eslint-plugin-jsx-a11y

Go Local Interactive | 2018 – 2019

Junior Web Developer

- Built and supported database-backed custom functionality on WordPress Multisite across a LAMP stack (Linux, Apache, MySQL, PHP) for a portfolio of clients

Lockton Companies | 2013 – 2016

Content Design Specialist

- Designed print and digital materials, including brochures and templates, across a broad client portfolio, each with distinct brand guidelines
- Collaborated with internal teams and clients to translate brand and content requirements into polished, accurate materials

Leadership & Community

- Led company representation and organization at KCDC, a local developer conference
- Represented VML at RenderATL (frontend conference in Atlanta, Georgia) for three consecutive years
- Featured on KCUR (local radio) discussing women in tech and career pathways into software development, alongside VML CTO
- Organized company volunteer initiatives and planned internal office events

Education

LaunchCode | 2019 – 2020

25-week program: JavaScript, Angular, Java, SQL

Skilled KC Technical Institute | 2020 – 2021

Full-time program: web fundamentals and internet architecture