

# Kevin Mendez

## Software Developer

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Frontend-focused software developer building user-friendly, visually polished applications. Experienced with modern tools including Next.js, Vite, JavaScript, Firebase, and Appwrite, with a strong emphasis on performance, accessibility, and clean UI architecture.

## Professional Experience

### Skinstric AI

[Remote](#) | September 2024 - April 2025

#### Frontend Engineer

- Architected real-time skin analysis platform using OpenAI Vision API and Next.js, achieving 98% detection accuracy across diverse skin conditions.
- Developed responsive UI with TailwindCSS and GSAP animations, implementing dynamic skincare recommendation cards with 60% improved engagement.
- Optimized performance using Next.js Server Components and Lottie animations, achieving sub-2-second analysis time for skin condition detection.
- Built custom animation system using GSAP timeline for seamless user experience during skin analysis processing, increasing user retention by 40%.
- Designed a modular component library with TailwindCSS for skincare product displays, enabling rapid A/B testing of recommendation layouts.
- Implemented efficient image processing pipeline combining OpenAI Vision API with 4D Mini model for enhanced accuracy in skin tone and texture analysis.

### Frontend Simplified

[Remote](#) | January 2024 - August 2024

#### Frontend Developer & Support staff

- Selected as peer mentor after achieving top 5% performance in cohort, providing debugging support and code reviews for 20+ students across React and Next.js projects.
- Created and led workshops on modern frontend optimization techniques, helping students improve their portfolio project load times by an average of 50%.
- Initiated weekly pair programming sessions focused on accessibility and SEO best practices, leading to 90% of mentored students achieving WCAG compliance in their projects.
- Built and shared reusable component library using ShadCN/UI, reducing development time for student projects by 40% and improving code consistency.

### Walmart

[Onsite](#) | March 2021 - Present

#### Garden Associate

- Assisted customers daily by identifying needs, resolving concerns, and explaining product options clearly and professionally while balancing long-term professional development in software engineering.

## Projects (personal)

### Search API Tarot Project: <https://new-tarot-application.vercel.app/> | [Github Link](#)

*Created a fully functional search platform for tarot cards*

- Engineered & integrated a search api for the rider-waite tarot deck with a fully responsive design, loading states & dynamic routing to implement a scalable search experience with dynamic routing to display tarot cards at both collection and individual detail levels.

### Google Drive Clone Project: <https://store-it-application.vercel.app/sign-in> | [Github Link](#)

*Created a password-less OTP Auth App*

- Deployed a fully responsive, cloud based application using full stack technologies that allows upload of images to a database.

## Technical Skills

**Programming Languages:** TypeScript, JavaScript, HTML, CSS

**Frameworks:** React, TailwindCSS, Firebase, NextJS, Redux, Appwrite, React Hook Form

**Tools & Other platforms:** Vercel, GitHub, Vite, Figma, VsCode, Stripe, React Testing Libraries

## Education:

### Frontend Simplified Institute | [Certificate](#)

[June 2023 - January 2024](#)

## Other

**Interests:** Creative writing, Photoshop, Reading

**Referees:** Provided upon request