# Alex Pate
UI Engineer

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## Introduction

👋 I'm Alex, a UI engineer based in London.  I work with startups and agencies, straddling the line between design and code.

I have a particular focus on the internal role that UI engineering plays, in regards to design systems, and creating tooling and processes to help product teams scale.

I'm currently working at Kalo (formerly Lystable), leading the development of our internal design system.

## Writing

Side project of the month (JuniorJobs)
 - net magazine - April 2017

Get started with pattern libraries
 - net magazine - February 2016

Design Challenge
 - net magazine - July 2014

Spotlight Interview
 - WebDesignerMagazine - January 2014

## Education

### Southampton Solent University

Graduated from Solent University in 2015 with a First Class Honours degree in Web Design BSc.

## Experience

### Kalo (2017 - present)

Joined as the first UI engineering hire. Main focus has been leading the creation of our internal design system. This has included developing new components written in React and styled-components, as well as introducing new workflows and processes to help improve the design/engineering hand-off.

Other projects include:
- Developed the front-end of the developer API portal.
- Developed the new marketing site and blog.

### Pusher (2015 - 2017)

- Developed an internal pattern library (Chameleon).
- Implemented the front-end of the new responsive client dashboard.
- Worked with lead designer on creating the new company branding.
- Represented the company as a developer advocate at several large developer conferences including Render, and PHP Asia.

### Brave (2014)

Spent a month interning with the creative team, preparing assets for client briefs. Spent my last two weeks redesigning and developing the internal 'weekly digest' company email.

### Rareloop (2015)

Interned as a creative developer for two days a week during my final semester whilst finishing my degree. Built out components for several client pattern libraries.

## Skills and technologies

JavaScript, CSS, React, Rails, Ruby
Figma, Sketch