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Thread: [Backend or GUI?](#)

Hackers - December 9, 2023, 6:43 pm

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Checkout teleporthq or some of the figma plugins, you can design and export to html, react, next, Angular, vue, or others automatically. Start with their templates and then learn how to build out your own frontend components. Less frontend Dev, a lot less QA, and more backend logic

akaCryptic - December 11, 2023, 6:35 am

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performance scanners as well to check our work.

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Yeah, AI is quickly destroying the already over-saturated frontend market. It's great with backend logic too, but a lot of times backend isn't the time consuming part of a project, it's the frontend, so we're focusing on replacing frontend devs with as many automations and design export processes as we can.

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I mean I can throw up a working basic GUI too with ImGui or WinForms but it's 2023.

I can write one advanced but will take 1-2 weeks, considering controls padding, themes, animations etc...

Dirty - December 11, 2023, 9:19 am

Backend is vastly more complicated (fact), therefore to me also more interesting. There is little to no technical knowledge required for making a decent frontend. At best you can do some functional style stuff like Monads but it's all overkill.

UI at this rate is more the expertise of UX than a developer which is okay and it's not meant to be a personal attack, their skills are just more aligned with UX people than technical backend engineers

13K_HOPE - December 30, 2023, 10:42 am

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Hackers - December 31, 2023, 8:43 am

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Backend application logic is nice because it feels safe & calculated. You can test easier, things are usually boolean solutions - true/false, or a matching struct / types for returns which can be evaluated at build or run time for any possible errors. Frontend on the other end can often be plagued by client choices, bad data entry, cross browser and/or device support, etc. It's also more opinionated than backend.

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Hackers - January 1, 2024, 11:09 am

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GruntStyl - January 13, 2024, 7:28 pm

In reference to Web development or Software development? Because web development is still something I'm trying to get used to "liking". Even the front end side of things. I think a lot of that is due to the Visual Studio IDE spoiling me with drag and drop GUI design all the way from the visual basic 6 days.

When I started doing some front end web dev, learning CSS for styling seemed like so many additional steps just to create a button, banner, container, etc. Where as before I could just drag and drop.

As for backend I think I found equally as fun as the front end? Setting up a SQL server for example and having that communicate with the front end and having that fluid experience was always rewarding to me when you could kind of complete that to become one experience. It also makes troubleshooting easier when you are in control of both and developed both sides of it.

SeasonedCode - January 18, 2024, 9:06 am

I enjoy developing backend apps I did some frontend work with vanilla JS and React I really didn't like all the front-end work I do very Great designs but I find myself more comfortable in the backend

Klonopin - January 18, 2024, 10:35 pm

backend mainly, but it depends on what the frontend is for e.g lately I've been enjoying doing some frontend in Dear ImGui in C++

(Dec 31, 2023 10:28 AM)Tentco Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#)

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You should make a gif of that!! that looks gnarly.

use ShareX if you don't know how.

Suspect. - January 30, 2024, 11:45 am

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MrRazor - January 31, 2024, 4:28 am

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heh, I know what you mean... that can quickly spiral if the company isn't careful and starts planning around the best case ("best") scenario of everything going right, everyone pulling overtime, etc. Can go wrong fast.

Horribleaim - February 12, 2024, 3:44 am

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Fludems - February 12, 2024, 9:20 pm

Backend because you're just aiming to achieve an expected output.

Front, there are like 50000 different correct versions for the output, and I don't find getting from A to B clear.

Like if you want an algorithm that takes X input and produces Y I can just calculate how to do that in my head psuedo code and then quickly bash it out (in typical scenarios)

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anoncrab - February 13, 2024, 1:28 am

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Nice, nice, and that's true there are a LOT of frontend tools to make life easier.

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It's so important for companies to handle that in "design phase". For example we do UX wireframing, mockups, and then designs. Then design revisions. Then once final design is settled after a few weeks it gets turned into dev specs.

Some projects aren't as organized for this, but the best thing any company can do is make damn sure frontend is 100% set & approved before the frontend devs touch it.

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Agreed - what is your favorite integration or project you've worked on?

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seriously r there tools that generate this kind of stuff? fuck.... i spent 2 hours making one couple of days ago... :(

backend bro, always, the most fun part is the lowest level one.... what's funny about solving a puzzle made of 50 pcs? not better one of 100000? haha