

# Alissa Nguyen

Front-end Engineer - Seattle, Washington

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## EXPERIENCE

### Open Source Seattle, Washington

*Front-end Engineer August 2020 - Present*

Developed [alissanguyen.com](http://alissanguyen.com), a development portfolio and technical blog with ~6,000 monthly readers. Built with React, TypeScript, NextJS and uses Contentful as a headless CMS. Supports light/dark mode theme switching using session cookies. Received a 100 score on Chrome Lighthouse's **SEO** and a 98 score for **Performance**. Incorporates continuous deployment via Vercel and is hosted behind Cloudflare for delivery at the edge and DDoS protection.

Created the npm library `use-typewriter-hook` using modern JavaScript and React hooks. Maintained the library across 3 major releases, in addition to creating a dedicated documentation website at [usetyewriter.com](http://usetyewriter.com).

Developed a generative AI web application using Cloudflare workers and Cloudflare-hosted AI models. Implemented rate limiting with Upstash, authentication with Clerk, and managed data with Drizzle ORM. The application accepts prompts and generates text or image responses based on the selected model.

Built a Shopify e-commerce website for Pine Plus Apple LLC ([pineplusapple.com](http://pineplusapple.com)). Created a visually appealing and user-friendly website that accurately represents the brand and showcases products effectively. Handled 200-300 monthly order trackings and transactions. Monitored the website's performance and implemented optimizations to improve 5% page load times and overall website speed.

Created a variety of frontend projects to showcase advanced animation techniques, server-side rendering (SSR), and experimental UX patterns. Contributor to several open-source projects, including Prisma (GraphQL ORM) and Apple's password manager repo.

## PUBLISHED SOFTWARE & WRITING

### Portfolio & Blog

*TypeScript, React, Remix, Tailwind CSS, Headless CMS*

[www.alissanguyen.com](http://www.alissanguyen.com)

Personal website hosting technical writing. Published articles on continuous integration, contributing to open source, and React fundamentals. Authored widely-circulated articles on React, TypeScript, open source, and CI/CD. Achieved >10,000 impressions on a 1,500-word beginner's guide to open source contributions.

### use-typewriter-hook

*React, TypeScript, NPM*

<https://usetyewriter.com>

Fast, minimal React hook for adding typewriter-like animations to apps. Supports customization, while having useful defaults, of typing speed, delay, and a blinking cursor. Works for both client-side rendered and server-side-rendered React apps by supporting ESM and CommonJS via JS environment detection.

### Community Manager

*Front-end Vietnam Community (~95,000 developers)*

Curated and promoted 200+ articles on frontend engineering, React, computer science, and JavaScript. Conducted community outreach and managed content with 6 other admins.

## EDUCATION

Rhodes College Memphis - Computer Science Major, Business Administrator Minor

Western Governor University - Computer Science Major

