

# HI, MY NAME IS BENOIT RAJALU

DESIGN SYSTEM MANAGER & SENIOR FRONTEND ENGINEER

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## SKILLS

**TEMPLATING** HTML, JSX, TWIG

**STYLES** SCSS, CSS Modules, CSS3

**API** Rest, GraphQL

**JS ECOSYSTEM** React, Jest, Redux, FP-TS, TS

**ANIMATIONS** GSAP, Framer-motion

**STACKS** React, Wordpress, Next.js

**TOOLS & SOFTWARE** Git, Mac OS, NPM, Yarn, Figma

**LANGUAGES** English (IELTS 7.5, C1)

## EDUCATION

2011 - 2012

### WEB INTEGRATOR

Buroscope - Cesson, France  
HTML, CSS, PHP and a dash of jQuery

2008 - 2010

### FDA JOURNALISM

London College of Communication - London  
Print, web and some design

2008 - 2010

### BTS CORPORATE COMMUNICATION

Lycée St-Félix - Nantes, France  
Marketing, writing and some design


## ABOUT ME

 **CURRENTLY READING**  
Shogun (James Clavell)

 **CURRENTLY LISTENING TO**  
Hail to the Thief (Radiohead)

 **CURRENTLY WATCHING**  
Adolescence (Netflix)

 **I WANT TO**  
Go to Japan, someday

 **I DISLIKE**  
Waiting for equipment at the gym

 **I AM CURRENTLY INTO**  
Making various biscuits

As a **design system manager** I am focused on helping people build consistent user interfaces at scale. I particularly love contributing to a system that can perform anywhere, anytime, regardless of its users' needs. I work best as part of a team, helping others master their tools while I facilitate the delivery of their UI pipeline. I also supply them with cookies.

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## EXPERIENCE

OCT. 22 / -

### SENIOR SOFTWARE ENGINEER, DESIGN SYSTEM MANAGER

BLABLACAR - NANTES, FRANCE + REMOTE

I have joined BlaBlaCar to be part of the Search squad and the SPA chapter. During my time here, I have helped build features that have a large impact on our users' lives, but I have equally been rewarded by the work I put in maintaining and enhancing Pixar, our design system. In January 2025, I assumed the role of design system manager.

- Help designing our semantic tokens strategy.
- Defining our compositional approach to components.
- Automating tokens and icons retrieval from Figma to code.
- Managing our documentation.

SEP. 21 / OCT. 22

### SENIOR DESIGN SYSTEM ENGINEER

TALEND - NANTES, FRANCE + REMOTE

Alongside a small dedicated team, I helped manage and produce our Design System. My main achievement has been designing and delivering our automated design-tokens pipeline.

- Building and maintaining WCAG AA components in React.
- Designing and specifying components in Figma.
- Curating patterns and usage in Storybook.
- Building several Figma plugins for better design workflows.
- Animating a community of 7 designers and around 30 engineers around consistent UI patterns.

MAY 18 / SEP. 21

### FRONT-END ENGINEER

IADVIZE - NANTES, FRANCE

I facilitated our delivery in various highly technical apps. I am most proud of my role in revamping one of our strategic apps used daily by many chat operators, by helping ship its new design and features in an efficient, industrialised fashion.

- Building UI and logic for various React applications.
- Unit testing with Jest as part of a TDD mindset.
- Lobbying for and bootstrapping a Design System.

JAN. 16 / JAN. 18

### FRONT-END DEVELOPER

PERPETUAL MOTION MACHINE - NANTES, FRANCE

Working as part of a duo alongside a back-end developer, I handled everything UI-related for the studio. We delivered rich interactive websites with custom jQuery plugins on very short notice.

JAN. 12 / DEC. 16

### FREELANCE FRONT-END DEVELOPER

DEC. 13 / FEB. 14

### FRONT-END DEVELOPER

INTUITI - NANTES, FRANCE

JUL. & AUG. 13

### FRONT-END DEVELOPER

GLADY SAS - NANTES, FRANCE