Christian Fischer
Engineering Manager

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SUMMARY

Engineering leader with experience building teams and improving software delivery. Currently leading two engineering teams totaling 16 people at Deutsche Rentenversicherung, focused on software integration across large projects. Previously built Erblotse's engineering team from zero to five and led an eight-person frontend and mobile team at T-Online, supporting a platform serving 3M+ daily users.

EXPERIENCE

Engineering Manager
July 2026 - present
Deutsche Rentenversicherung
Berlin, Germany

Leading two engineering teams comprising 16 people, with a primary focus on software integration across large-scale projects.

- Lead two engineering teams with 16 direct reports, promoting team ownership and effective collaboration.
- Own delivery across approximately 8 projects, coordinating software integration, priorities, and dependencies.
- Partner with internal business departments to align requirements, project priorities, and delivery expectations.
- Support teams in resolving technical challenges and continuously improving engineering and delivery practices.

Focus areas: Engineering Management, Team Leadership, Software Integration, Cross-Team Coordination, Complex Project Delivery, Stakeholder Management

Key Technologies: OpenShift, Java, Quarkus, TypeScript, Gatling, Playwright

Independent Game Developer & Publisher
May 2025 - present
Self-employed · orbitaldispatch.com
Berlin, Germany

- Run an independent game-development business, owning product direction, software development, and publishing.
- Developed and published *Orbital Dispatch*, a space traffic-control game released on Steam in July 2026. Steam listing

Engineering Manager
October 2024 - April 2025
Ströer / T-Online
Berlin, Germany

Led a team of 8 engineers across frontend and mobile for one of Germany's largest news platforms (3M+ daily users). Improved delivery quality, stabilized React Native apps, and strengthened cross-team alignment.

- Led frontend & mobile team for high-traffic T-Online surfaces with strong focus on performance, stability, and user experience.
- Stabilized React Native apps and reduced crash occurrences through improved monitoring, CI release flow, and stronger code ownership.
- Introduced clearer engineering processes (tech backlog, structured definition of ready/done, improved standups) to increase delivery predictability and autonomy.
- Unblocked product delivery by driving direct collaboration between Frontend, Backend, Design, and Product.
- Improved engineering culture through hands-on mentoring, clearer expectations, and constructive feedback loops.

Key Technologies: React, TypeScript, React Native, AWS, gRPC

Head of Engineering
January 2023 - September 2024

Engineering Manager
October 2020 - December 2022

Erblotse
Berlin, Germany

Scaled Erblotse from an early-stage product into a stable digital platform for inheritance and succession services.

- Grew the engineering team from 0 to 5, hiring, onboarding, and mentoring the entire department.
- Modernized the platform with React, AWS, Prisma, and Postgres, improving long-term stability and development speed.
- Reduced time-to-market by streamlining CI/CD, automation, and clearer work intake processes.
- Partnered with Product, Data, and Marketing to launch features that improved acquisition and funnel performance.
- Built a culture of accountability, ownership, and continuous improvement.

Key Technologies: React, TypeScript, React Query, SWR, Jest, Cypress, Sentry, GraphQL, Prisma, AWS Amplify, AppSync, Cognito, DynamoDB, Postgres

Senior Frontend Engineer
October 2017 - January 2020

Outfittery
Berlin, Germany

Technical Lead for customer-facing applications.

- Drove the migration from AngularJS to React, significantly reducing tech debt and improving developer velocity.
- Interviewed, onboarded, and mentored all frontend and QA engineers.
- Supported market expansion by adapting technical flows for the French launch.

Key Technologies: React, Redux-Saga, AngularJS, JavaScript, Webpack, Babel, Jest, Docker, Kubernetes, Nginx

Software Engineer
October 2016 - September 2017

Magine TV
Berlin, Germany

- Developed the streaming platform's frontend (AngularJS, React).
- Built integrated support tooling with Customer Support (Zendesk).
- Supported marketing partnerships and campaign implementations.

Key Technologies: AngularJS, React, JavaScript, HTML5, Sass, Webpack, Babel, GulpJS, Docker, Node.js, Zendesk

Software Engineer
November 2015 - August 2016

Protected Networks
Berlin, Germany

- Led migration of frontend architecture from legacy code to Angular 2.
- Designed and implemented REST endpoints with C# and ASP.NET.
- Integrated testing and build pipelines into Azure TFS CI/CD workflows.

Key Technologies: Angular 2, TypeScript, JavaScript, C#, ASP.NET, REST, Jasmine, Karma, Git, TFS, GulpJS, RxJS

Software Engineer
August 2011 - September 2015

Glück & Kanja
Frankfurt Area, Germany

- Built enterprise RMS setups and Windows app solutions.
- Developed OS deployment services and system automation tooling.
- Ported and tested mobile apps across Android, iOS, and BlackBerry.
- Worked on browser-based synchronization and reverse proxy utilities.

Key Technologies: C#, XAML, WPF, ASP.NET, C++, Java, Python, Linux, Windows Server, iPXE, Jenkins, Azure, AWS, rsync

Languages: German — native; English — fluent