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Profile Summary

A Full Stack Software Engineer with 7+ years of experience building dynamic, user-focused front-end and back-end web applications. Proficient in PHP, JavaScript, WordPress, MySQL, and modern frameworks like Laravel and CodeIgniter. Skilled in implementing and maintaining WordPress custom post types, taxonomies, and utilizing the WordPress API to develop scalable, accessible web solutions. Passionate about combining technical excellence with creative problem-solving to enhance user experience, ensure system reliability, and contribute to inclusive, sustainable development practices.

Skills

- *Languages:* PHP, JavaScript, HTML5, CSS3, SQL
- *Frameworks:* Laravel, CodeIgniter, Vue.js, React
- *Content Management Systems:* WordPress (custom post types, taxonomies, theme development, API integration), Joomla
- *Web Technologies:* AJAX, RESTful APIs, JSON, XML
- *Databases:* MySQL, PostgreSQL, MongoDB, MariaDB
- *Version Control:* Git (GitHub, GitLab, branching, pull requests)
- *Other Tools:* WP CLI, Docker, Composer, Nginx, Apache
- *Cloud Services:* AWS
- *Testing:* PHPUnit, WordPress-specific issues
- *Project Methodologies:* Agile, Scrum

Professional Experience

Senior Software Engineer | SKALE | Australia (Remote)

Sep 2021 – Present

- Designed and built dynamic e-commerce websites by combining Laravel's robust backend capabilities with Vue.js for seamless and user-friendly interfaces.
- Created responsive and visually appealing layouts using Tailwind CSS, ensuring accessibility and delivering a smooth, inclusive experience across all devices.
- Integrated payment systems like Stripe and PayPal, making online transactions secure, efficient, and reliable for users.
- Focused on optimizing website performance to handle high traffic, ensuring scalability, reliability, and a smooth user experience.
- Managed data repair, migration, and archiving processes to maintain accuracy and improve overall data management.
- Supported and mentored junior developers, sharing knowledge in PHP, WordPress, and JavaScript to help them grow and improve team collaboration.
- Followed industry best practices for debugging and quality assurance, delivering clean, error-free, and maintainable code.

Software Engineer | ILabs (Incubate Labs) | Sri Lanka

Jun 2020 – Aug 2021

- Designed and developed dynamic websites using Laravel and WordPress, creating custom themes, templates, and plugins to deliver tailored solutions for clients.
- Managed project changes and budgets, ensuring timely delivery while meeting client expectations and maintaining code quality through thorough QA processes.
- Applied accessibility standards to WordPress development, enhancing usability for all users while maintaining compliance with best practices.

Software Engineer | MYSITE IT SOLUTIONS | Sri Lanka

Oct 2016 – Jun 2020

- Integrated third-party APIs to expand project capabilities, such as payment gateways, location services, and social media tools.
- Created digital media solutions, including interactive websites and marketing platforms, tailored to meet client needs and enhance their online presence.
- Planned, executed, and optimized social media ad campaigns across platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and Google Ads, driving user engagement and business growth.

Casual Experience

Computing & Home Solutions Advisor | Best Buy | Canada (Part Time)

Oct 2024 – Dec 2024

- Helped customers choose the right technology products by sharing up-to-date knowledge of the latest trends and features.
- Worked with the team to meet sales goals and keep the store organized and visually appealing.

Education

Bachelor of Sciences in IT Specialize in Software Engineering

Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology

Computer Science-Certificate Level

National Institute of Business Management

Awards / Training / Certifications

Fundamentals of Red Hat Enterprise Linux	2025
Best Achieved Employer Award - Asset Radio Broadcasting PVT ltd	2018
Flutter & Dart for Beginners: Complete Course-Udemy	2018
FOSS4G Conference	2015
Student award - Leader and Best oral presentation for Degree Thesis Project (Seoul, South Korea)	