

Overview

Dynamic full stack technical lead level engineer with experience in building, optimizing, and managing high-performance websites and applications. Proven expertise in both front-end and back-end development, with a strong focus on creating custom themes, plugins, and integrations between them and external data sources. Adept at leading cross-functional teams to deliver innovative solutions that enhance user experience and drive business growth. Strong advocate for best coding practices, standards, performance optimizations, and security measures. Committed to fostering collaboration and mentoring junior developers to elevate overall team capabilities.

Career Highlights

- Multiple years of full stack development experience within consulting, agency, and product engineering roles.
- Development lead & technical client contact for multiple concurrent projects.
- Multiple years of experience working within remotely distributed teams.

Technical Skills

- JavaScript, React, Next.js
- MySQL & GraphQL
- PHP, Laravel, Composer
- WordPress/VIP
- Command line, WP-CLI, Artisan
- HTML, CSS, Custom Properties, LESS, Sass, Tailwind
- npm, webpack, Vite
- Git (GitHub/GitLab/Bitbucket), SVN
- CircleCI, GitHub Actions

Professional Experience

230 Studios/Sharp Web Dev (Part-time Freelance Consultancy) — December 2024 to present

- Provide web development services and consulting to small businesses, with a focus on custom WordPress websites, plugins, block based themes and PHP/Laravel application development.
- Support and development of custom Next JS applications utilizing WordPress as a data layer.

Senior Developer II - Build, Kanopi Studios — October 2022 to March 2024

- Developed new WordPress websites, internal tools, and plugins with focus on custom integrations across plugins and platforms/APIs.
- Converted ACF blocks to native React blocks for an internal block theme.
- Provided mentoring to junior developers, code reviews, and feedback.

Senior Full Stack Developer, Universal Yums — March 2022 to Oct. 2022

- Developed PHP, WordPress, WooCommerce and Laravel solutions to support universalyums.com Woo/eCommerce initiatives.
- Architected custom WP-CLI scripts to modify orders, process refunds, and enhance other WooCommerce order data.

Professional Experience

WordPress Technical Lead, Kanopi Studios — November 2018 to March 2022

- Provided technical leadership, support and custom development for a variety of internal and client projects, ensuring deliverables were on time and on budget.
- Collaborated with cross-functional teams (design, marketing, content, etc.) to align technical capabilities with business objectives.
- Implemented best practices for code quality and version control through code reviews, training and mentoring, fostering a culture of continuous improvement.
- Interfaced with clients to determined project scope, provided user stories and project estimates, assisted sales with technical questions.
- Led the migration of legacy sites to WordPress, ensuring minimal downtime and data integrity while modernizing user interfaces and improving functionality.

Senior WordPress Developer, Codivated — August 2017 to February 2019

- Architected and developed integrations for a variety of client projects and WordPress products, including WPtouch Pro, Simple Calendar, Frenzy, and Storemapper.

Senior Digital Engineer, InVentiv Creative Studios — April 2010 to June 2015

- Architected and developed custom websites and PHP applications using Laravel and WordPress to support client digital marketing and branding efforts within the pharmaceutical industry.
- Interfaced with a variety of disciplines to bring projects through to deployment, including client services, design, video production, quality control, and project management.
- Mentored and trained junior level developers on new technologies and their proper implementation and integration into existing projects.
- Supported the web development efforts of iQ, an Innovation Lab within inVentiv Health, including marketing support and development of iQ's product portfolio: iQ.mercury, iQ.fluent, iQ.align, and iQ.rival. I was also part of the iQ team that developed the Self Detail portion of iQ.mercury 3, a self eDetailing application that allows healthcare professionals to provide patients a customized presentation about their disease state.

WordPress Developer, MaxFoundry — January 2014 to June 2014

- WordPress plugin feature development and support for the MaxGalleria Gallery Platform and its add-ons, including MaxGalleria Facebook.

Sharp Web Solutions (Freelance Consultancy) — August 2009 to December 2018

- Provide web development services and consulting to small businesses, with a focus on custom WordPress websites, plugins and PHP/Laravel application development.

Involvement

- WordPress core contributor
- Member of the Columbus & Dayton WordPress Meetups
- WordCamp Columbus Volunteer

Education

- Franklin University, Columbus, OH — Web Development
- Ohio State University, Columbus, OH — B.A. Chemistry

Projects/Products I've Worked On

- Consulting/Freelance:
 - Run the Alps (<https://www.runthealps.com>) - Headless WP/Next JS with GraphQL
 - Plugin Collections Plugin - <https://github.com/damonsharp/plugin-collections>
- Kanopi Studios:
 - Launch Checklist Plugin (<https://wordpress.org/plugins/launch-checklist/>)
 - Indeed Multisite (<https://indeed.com>, etc.)
 - PHR (<https://phr.org>)
 - Veritext (<https://veritext.com>)
 - Verogen (<https://verogen.com>)
- Universal Yums:
 - Main website (<https://universalyums.com>)
- Codivated:
 - WPtouch Pro - <https://wptouch.com>
 - Simple Calendar - <http://simplecalendar.io>