lewis thompson

emerging engineering manager | senior backend developer

An emerging Software Engineering Manager with over 11 years of experience as an innovative Senior Backend Developer. While remaining hands-on as a developer, my deep technical expertise is now focused on managing line reports and driving team development. Leading with a unique and passionate approach to deliver scalable and efficient solutions.

Specialising in PHP and JavaScript, Laravel and Vue.js, while being proficient in WordPress and other CMS'. My extensive experience spans both agency and direct client collaborations, consistently delivering high-quality web solutions.

personal info

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skills

Team Leadership & Mentoring

Sprint Planning & Retrospectives

Jira (Agile/Scrum workflows)

Code Reviews & QA

PHP

Laravel

Javascript

Vue.js

AWS Ecosystem

DevOps

Version Control (GIT)

API Integration & Development

Email & Domain Management

WordPress

Tailwind CSS

interests

Photography

Adventuring

Museums

Driving

Plants

Socialising with friends

Collecting Funko Pops

Technology

Discovering new TV shows

Avid movie fan

The excitement of a parcel delivery

experience

July 2022 – Present

Effect Digital
Senior Backend Developer

Combining deep Laravel expertise with emerging leadership through mentoring and managing developers.

Leadership Responsibilities

Line managing multiple developers; running 1:1s and appraisals

Mentoring developers and supporting technical growth

Leading sprint planning and retrospectives

Driving best practices across the backend team

Development Responsibilities

Lead developer on high-impact projects, including SaaS projects

Building, maintaining, and upgrading scalable Laravel applications

Designing and building APIs and backend architecture

Integrating third-party APIs and services

Experienced with AWS (S3, EC2, Lambda, SQS, Cognito, CloudFront) for infrastructure needs

Consistent in delivering clean, testable, and maintainable code

Performing code reviews and ensuring high-quality standards

Competent using Jira for sprint planning and task management

July 2016 – July 2022

Hush Digital
Full Stack Developer

Developing bespoke Laravel and WordPress solutions for clients in both the public and private sectors in a digital agency.

Key Responsibilities

Working on project briefs/ writing full project costings.

Key systems created in Laravel: Intranets, Booking Systems, Recruitment Systems, Bidding Systems and eCommerce just to name a few.

Creating bespoke themes and plugins for WordPress tailored to the clients specific needs.

Launching websites & Working on legacy and unfamiliar websites.

Domains & Server Management, using Digital Ocean for Laravel solutions and cPanel for WordPress solutions.

Working with and integrating many different API's and payment gateways.

Mentoring and reviewing junior developers code.

Managing my own workload and working to tight deadlines.

Using a support ticketing system and distributing support tickets to co-workers.

Managing Emails - Google Workspace, Microsoft 365, cPanel.

October 2015 - July 2016

Distance Learning College and Training
Web Developer

An inhouse web developer for a distance learning college working in the full web life cycle from design, conversion to development and testing.

education

2012 - 2015

Teesside University

First Class Honours Degree in BA Hons Web and Multimedia

2010 - 2012

Middlesbrough College

Level 3 BTEC in Software Development - D*D*D*
NCFE Level 2 Enterprise Skills

2005 - 2010

St David's R.C Technology College (Trinity Catholic College)

GCSE's 10 A - C's Including Math's, English, and Science