

Josh Christopherson

SENIOR WEB SOFTWARE ENGINEER & DIGITAL CREATIVE STRATEGIST

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Expert full-stack website and web software developer with almost 20 years of experience. Passionate about transforming user and client experiences on the web using the most advanced trends and technologies. Brings a broad range of skills to any team with both new and old, well-known and obscure technologies. Quick-learning, fast-paced, capable and self-motivated. Known for being flexible, friendly, energetic, taking charge, engaging discussion, and precise, strategic integration of solutions.

Work Experience

Stack Sports | August 2017- August 2019

Senior Software Engineer Lead

Responsibilities: Maintained and architected an online team and league management software application, a scheduling application, an officials and referee management tool and a proprietary payment processing gateway. Created APIs and front-end tools to enable the transition to a microservice architecture for legacy products. Lead an agile team in 2 week sprints to get iterative features released to market quickly. Facilitated and performed bi-weekly and off-cycle releases to production. Coordinated daily with the support and operations teams to get high-priority requests and clients taken care of quickly. Worked with an off-shore quality assurance team to run regression tests against all new code. Personally implemented over 100 new features or fixes in the software and worked closely with our UI/UX team on a number of layout design iterations.

Achievements: Repeatedly recognized as a leading example of company values. Promoted from Software Engineer II to Senior Software Engineer and then Senior Software Engineer Lead within 4 months of joining the company.

AM Digital | September 2007- July 2017

Full Stack Developer

Responsibilities: Created responsive websites and web applications utilizing a variety of technologies and content management systems. Precisely matched mockups from our design team to produce the end product for our clients. Developed and managed multiple content management systems and add-ons for client interfaces. Played a significant role in the coding and implementation of email marketing templates for clients. Was an active participant in the strategic planning process for a number clients. Employed WordPress skills for the implementation of sites for clients utilizing themes and plugins. Played a part in the Request for Proposal process for new sites as well as additions to existing ones.

Achievements: Ranked most accurate developer by the design team. Reduced budget overages on every team I worked with. Assumed training of junior developers on coding standards, best practices and software use.

Additional Role: Assistant Customer Support Manager | January 2014 - January 2017

Responsibilities: Managed client support ticket communication. Assigned tickets to developers based on skill level and availability. Managed developer schedules to accommodate fastest client response. Facilitated third party communication necessary for updates or fixes.

Additional Role: Ekklesia CMS Implementer / Developer | September 2007 - December 2011

Responsibilities: Developed church and organization websites strictly following the fully designed Photoshop mockup from the design team. Integrated websites with a centralized content management system (Ekklesia) via an API.

Achievements: Built a wrapper around a 3rd party API to facilitate better custom design within the limitations of the system at the time.

Freelance Website Developer | January 2002 - Present

Full Stack Developer and UI/UX Designer

Responsibilities: Generated client leads. Created roadmaps for projects. Built content and branding strategies with clients. Managed budget restrictions. Designed and developed responsive websites and web applications. Supported post-launch client requests and additions.

Achievements: Self-taught coding skills in PHP, HTML, CSS and Javascript. Developed my own content management systems for use on clients' web sites. Created a web presence for multiple industries including livestock sales, retail sales, home education, Christian counseling, personal fashion stylists, digital agencies, banks and many others. Maintained a number of those as retainer clients to keep work flowing.

Skills and Tools

Expert knowledge (12+ Years of experience):

- HTML5/XHTML
- CSS/SASS
- Javascript/jQuery
- Wordpress
- PHP
- MySQL, PostgreSQL
- Responsive Web Design
- OOP/Object Oriented Programming
- MVC Pattern
- Bootstrap

Well known (7+ years of experience):

- Photoshop / Adobe Creative Suite
- Sublime Text/VS Code/PHPStorm
- Grunt/Gulp
- Jira & 37Signals' BaseCamp
- Git
- Apache/LAMP
- Website Security
- Responsive Email Templating / MailChimp / ConstantContact

Solid understanding (3-5 Years of experience):

- Creating Content Management Systems (CMS)
- Laravel
- React / Angular / Vue
- JSON / REST APIs
- Docker & Kubernetes
- Microservices
- Microsoft Windows
- MacOS
- Search Engine Optimization
- ElasticSearch, Kibana, Logstash (ELK Stack)
- Node.js
- RETS Matrix
- ActionScript/Flash
- BrightScript/Roku
- Ionic
- Templating Engines (Twig / Handlebars)

Additional Skills:

- Photography (7 Years)
- Brand Strategy/Management (7 years)
- UI/UX Design (8 years)
- Graphic Design (8 years)
- Agile/SCRUM methodologies (5 years)
- Strategic Planning (5 years)
- Content Strategy/Writing (7 years)
- Team Management/Training (7 years)
- Client Communication/Support (5 years)
- Code Reviews (7 years)