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PROFILE

Web developer since 2012 with deep backend skills and solid frontend knowledge. PHP expert across modern and legacy codebases, frameworks and CMSs. User-focused problem solver who grew into a product owner. Comfortable working both autonomously and in teams, with strong written and verbal communication in remote environments.

EXPERIENCE

Staff Engineer & Product Owner · XWP

Sep 2021 – now

Remote · WordPress, Gutenberg, PHP 8, React, TypeScript, Sass

- Builds modern WordPress plugins and themes for large publishers (Evolve Media, Are Media) and tech companies (Twitch), with Gutenberg, React, PHP 8, Sass and TypeScript.
- Improves web performance and Core Web Vitals on high-traffic sites.
- Acts as product owner, writing user stories and managing and prioritizing the backlog.
- Works with internal and client stakeholders across several projects at once, in Scrum and Kanban teams.
- Uses AI-assisted development workflows day to day.

Senior Backend PHP Developer · Immediate Media

Jan 2019 – Aug 2021

London, UK · PHP 7.4, API Platform, Symfony, MongoDB, Docker, AWS Lambda, Node.js, React

- Migrated sites to headless WordPress and a service-oriented architecture.
- Built REST APIs with PHP 7.4, API Platform (Symfony), MongoDB and Docker.
- Developed AWS Lambda functions with Bref for Amazon Alexa.
- Set up automated testing at every level, from unit and API tests to load and end-to-end tests.
- Contributed to the JavaScript side with Node.js and React.
- Mentored and coached mid-level developers.

Senior Backend Engineer · Distilled SCH

Feb 2018 – Nov 2018

Dublin, Ireland (remote from South Korea) · Java 8, Spring Boot, OpenShift

- Built microservices with Java 8 and Spring Boot, deployed on OpenShift.
- Worked fully remote from South Korea with three overlapping hours a day, in a Scrum team.

PHP Developer on daft.ie · Distilled SCH

Dec 2014 – Feb 2018

Dublin, Ireland · PHP 5.3–7.1, Slim, OpenAPI, MySQL, PHPUnit

- Developed and maintained daft.ie, Ireland's largest property website, through the upgrade from PHP 5.3 to 7.1.
- Led development on several medium-sized projects.
- Was the main contributor to the internal REST API, built with Slim and OpenAPI.
- Introduced best practices such as TDD, design patterns and SOLID.

Full-stack Web Developer · DirectStreams

Jan 2012 – Sep 2014

Paris, France · Ruby on Rails, PHP 5.3, jQuery, Bootstrap

- Built an extranet with Ruby on Rails, jQuery and Bootstrap.
- Developed REST APIs.
- Was the main maintainer of the legacy PHP 5.3 platform.
- Worked in a Scrum team of four developers.

SKILLS

Backend	PHP 5.3 → 8.5, Symfony, API Platform, Slim, Java, Ruby, Node.js
WordPress	Plugins, Block themes, Gutenberg blocks, Headless, WP-CLI, Core Web Vitals
Frontend	React, TypeScript, JavaScript, HTML, CSS / Sass
Data	MySQL, PostgreSQL, MongoDB, SQLite
Testing	TDD, PHPUnit, Playwright, API tests, Load tests (Artillery)
DevOps	GitHub Actions, Docker, AWS, Kubernetes, Terraform, Linux
Languages	French (native), English (fluent), Korean (conversational)

CERTIFICATIONS

Effective Use of Claude Code

X-Team · Sep 2026

Advanced Professional WordPress Developer

Automattic · Sep 2026

EDUCATION

Master's degree in Software Engineering

ETNA, Ivry-sur-Seine, France · 2012–2014

Bachelor's degree in Software Engineering

Epitech, Le Kremlin-Bicêtre, France · 2009–2012

INTERESTS

Badminton, science fiction and fantasy, electric and acoustic guitar.