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Objective

Senior Web Developer and consultant Derek Hargest seeks a challenging web development role that enables him to leverage his extensive experience in WordPress, Shopify, Magento, and Concrete 5 content management systems. Proficient in HTML, CSS, PHP, JavaScript, Git, Node.js, Terminal, and GitHub Actions, Derek is committed to delivering innovative, user-focused web solutions. With a proven track record of optimizing development operations, implementing CI/CD processes, and advising agencies on team organization and workflow optimization, Derek is eager to contribute his technical expertise and leadership skills to a dynamic team, driving organizational growth and success.

Experience

JUNE 2019 –JUNE 2022

Contract Web Developer and Consultant – Mindgrub

- Developed and deployed development operations from the ground up for agency websites on the WP Engine platform.

- Created custom-built websites, ensuring high-quality and tailored solutions for clients.

- Developed CI/CD processes specifically for WordPress websites hosted on WP Engine, streamlining development and deployment.

- Contributed to the ACES maintenance team, providing support and updates for existing websites.

- Served as an advisor on the direction of development operations and maintenance department for the company.

JUNE 2019 – JUNE 2022
Freelance Web Developer and Consultant

- Worked with multiple clients to build custom websites on WordPress, Shopify, and Concrete 5 content management systems.

- Deployed and managed his own development operations, overseeing both front-end and back-end development for all projects.

- Maintained, updated, and upgraded clients' websites, ensuring optimal performance and user experience.

- Provided consultation services and created tailored web solutions for a diverse range of clients, including non-profits, B2C, and B2B organizations.

JUNE 2019 – OCTOBER 2020
Senior Web Developer / Director of Web Technologies - Duckpin

- Started as a Senior Web Developer and quickly rose through the ranks to become Director of Web Technologies.

- Initiated and defined development operations for the company, transitioning the team from an FTP and non-version-controlled environment to a streamlined, well-organized development workflow.

- Developed a componentized approach for all web builds at Duckpin, creating a component library still in use today.

- Created custom websites for WordPress and Shopify clients, while leading the maintenance department to ensure optimal performance and updates.

- Established regular communication with clients, developing roadmaps for each quarter and maintaining strong client relationships.

JUNE 2012 –NOVEMBER 2015

Senior Web Developer and Consultant – Propr

- Developed custom websites for Propr's clients, ensuring high-quality, tailored solutions.

- Maintained and upgraded existing client websites, providing timely updates and improvements.

- Spearheaded and consulted on the company's development operations, creating CI/CD workflows and establishing a base template for all future projects.

- Consulted on project timelines and costs, contributing to accurate estimations and efficient resource allocation.

- Continues to serve as a trusted advisor to Propr, maintaining a strong professional relationship.

JUNE 2012 –NOVEMBER 2015

Frontend Web Developer – Groove Commerce

- Full site builds on WordPress, Shopify, and Magento platforms.

- Served as lead developer on projects, working closely with team members to ensure project success.

- Integral member of the recurring services department, maintaining pre-existing web builds and completing major upgrades and additions to websites.

- Actively contributed to upgrading the agency's workflows and development operations, sparking a deep interest in DevOps for mid-sized agencies.

- Collaborated with cross-functional teams and assisted in the implementation of new development practices and tools.