

Claude Houle

Senior iOS Developer

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Profile

Senior hands-on iOS engineer with deep experience building reliable, scalable mobile products on Apple platforms. Passionate about code quality, CI/CD automation, and emerging technologies like visionOS, with a strong focus on stability, testing, and pragmatic architecture.

Key Accomplishments

- Stabilized a 450,000-line Swift codebase (200,000 DAU): Achieved 99.999% crash-free session rate and accelerated release cadence from 1/week to 4/day.
- Built and shipped a visionOS-native app selected by Apple for a Vision Pro Dev Kit; launched as the 1st Connected Worker Solution on the visionOS App Store.
- Automated App Store deployments end-to-end: Increased release cadence from 1/week to 4/day and accelerated CI build times by 50%.
- Provided technical mentorship and code reviews for 20 developers onboarded internationally — team operational within 3 months.
- Designed a shared iOS component library, standardizing practices and accelerating delivery across 15+ client projects.

Technical Skills

iOS & Apple Expertise

Languages: Swift (expert), SwiftUI, Combine, Objective-C (legacy)
Frameworks: visionOS, ARKit, Core Data, Core Location, MapKit, AVFoundation
Architecture: Modular Architecture, MVVM, Clean Architecture, Design Patterns, SOLID
Concurrency: Swift Concurrency (Async/Await), GCD

Tooling & DevOps

CI/CD: Fastlane, GitHub Actions, Xcode Cloud, MacStadium, Jenkins
Tools: Xcode, Instruments (Profiling), Firebase, Sentry, Git
Gen AI: Claude integration (code & test acceleration)

Leadership & Methodologies

Leadership: Mentorship, Code Review, Code Standardization
Methods: Agile (Scrum/Kanban), TDD, Continuous Integration
Spoken: French and English (fully bilingual)

Professional Experience

Poka Inc.

2021 — Present

Lead Developer, iOS & VisionOS

Senior developer on a leading connected worker platform serving 200,000+ daily active users. Driving evolution toward modern architectures (SwiftUI, Combine) while maintaining legacy systems (Obj-C), ensuring critical stability at 99.999%.

- visionOS Innovation: Led end-to-end development of the 1st industrial solution on the visionOS App Store (secured Vision Pro Dev Kit after Apple review)
- Operational Excellence: Major refactoring effort that raised stability to 99.999% crash-free and doubled test coverage (30% to 60%)
- CI/CD Performance: Migrated pipeline to MacStadium, accelerating builds by 50% and enabling 4 daily releases (up from 1/week)
- Technical Mentorship: Provided technical mentorship and code reviews for a growing distributed team of 20 developers across time zones — operational within 3 months
- AI Integration: Optimized workflows through adoption of generative AI tools (Claude, Warp), reducing development time by 10%

Appcom

2019 — 2021

Lead Mobile Developer

Responsible for delivering mobile solutions for major clients in healthcare, media, and retail. Led the technical team through complete software development cycles for brands like Metro, Super C, and Le Devoir.

- Technical Standardization: Designed a shared iOS framework, optimizing delivery and consistency across 15+ client projects
- Major Deliveries: Technical leadership for flagship applications (Metro & Moi, Biodome de Montreal, AbbVie) from design to deployment
- Automation: Implemented and managed CI/CD pipelines (MacStadium) for the entire client portfolio, industrializing release processes
- Mentorship: Coached junior developers and led knowledge-sharing sessions (lunch-and-learns) to raise overall technical proficiency

Spiria Digital

2013 — 2019

Senior iOS Developer

Senior developer responsible for designing and evolving custom mobile solutions for major clients. Led the technical aspects of critical projects from requirements definition through go-to-market.

- CAE PreStudy: End-to-end architecture and development of a native iOS application for high-performance aviation pilot training
- Payfare (DiDi/Lyft): Developed mobile clients for a real-time payment platform serving mobility and transportation players (gig economy)
- Cross-platform Solutions: Delivered diverse applications (healthcare, retail analytics, micro-learning) using native and hybrid technologies based on business needs

8D Technologies

2009 — 2013

iOS Developer

Pioneer in mobile development for urban mobility (Bixi) within a team combining software and hardware. Worked on large-scale systems under real-world urban connectivity constraints.

- International Deployment: Developed Spotcycle and Solstice apps (bike-sharing), successfully deployed in London and New York
- Augmented Reality Innovation: Designed one of the first AR systems for locating shared bikes, combining video feed with geospatial data (Core Location)
- Network Optimization: Solved complex data synchronization challenges in offline or limited connectivity environments

Accovia

2007 — 2009

Senior Back-End Java Developer

- Contributed to the recovery and complete rebuild of the Ibiza platform (Java, Spring, Hibernate) following critical client issues

Compuware Montreal

2005 — 2007

Java Consultant (Morgan Stanley)

- Migrated legacy mainframe systems to Java services within a globally distributed team (New York, Budapest, Tokyo)

Mediagrif

2003 — 2005

Java Developer

- Developed infrastructure services and reusable components for e-commerce platforms

Education

Computer Science Technology *Cégep Édouard-Montpetit, Longueuil, QC*

2003

Three-year practice-oriented diploma covering C, C++, Java, SQL, Linux, and applied computing.

Capstone project: End-to-end development of an e-commerce website for an SMB.