

Claude Houle

Software Architect & Technical Leader

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PROFILE

Software architect with 23+ years of hands-on experience designing and delivering systems across backend, mobile, and web. Proven leadership in solution architecture, team transformation, mentorship, and cross-functional collaboration. Combines deep technical breadth with a product-minded approach to align engineering with business outcomes.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Transformed an 8-person iOS team into a high-performing unit — crash-free rate to 99.999%, deployments from 1/week to 4/day, build speeds improved 50%
- Led architecture of a visionOS-native app — 1st Connected Worker Solution on the visionOS App Store, securing an Apple Vision Pro Dev Kit
- Onboarded and integrated 20 developers internationally — designed training curriculum and built collaborative culture across time zones, productive within 3 months
- Architected CAE's pilot training platform end-to-end: Spring backend, Angular frontend, and native iOS client
- Delivered the Accovia Ibiza platform rebuild on time and on budget after a critical client recovery — as a member of the core Architecture Team

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Architecture & Design

Disciplines Solution Architecture API Design System Integration Data Modeling Distributed Systems

Patterns Microservices Event-Driven CQRS Clean Architecture SOLID

Technical Stack

Languages Java Swift Kotlin TypeScript SQL Python

Backend Spring Boot Hibernate Node.js PostgreSQL MySQL Docker

Mobile/Web iOS SDK visionOS SDK SwiftUI Android SDK Angular

Leadership & DevOps

Leadership Team Mentorship Code Reviews Technical Discovery Onboarding

CI/CD GitHub Actions Fastlane Jenkins Docker Kubernetes

Gen AI Claude integration (code & test acceleration)

Methods Agile (Scrum/Kanban) TDD Continuous Integration

Spoken French and English (fully bilingual)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Poka Inc. <i>Architect, Lead iOS, Lead VisionOS</i>	2021 — Present
Technical architect for a connected worker platform serving 200,000+ DAU. Leading architectural evolution, team transformation, and cross-functional alignment across a 450K-line codebase.	
- Architecture Leadership: Introduced internal tools, reusable libraries, and standardized practices — achieved 99.999% crash-free rate	
- Team Scaling: Onboarded 20 developers internationally with custom training curriculum and cross-timezone code reviews — operational within 3 months	
- Cross-functional Alignment: Bridged engineering, Product Management, and UX Design; established collaboration workflows aligning technical solutions with business goals	
- CI/CD Architecture: Automated App Store deployments end-to-end; increased release cadence from 1/week to 4/day, improved build speeds by 50%	
- Quality Engineering: Increased test coverage from 30% to 60% over four years through incremental testing alongside architectural modernization	
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Appcom <i>Lead Mobile Developer</i>	2019 — 2021
Led technical architecture and team development across 15+ client projects in healthcare, media, and retail sectors.	
- Technical Standardization: Designed shared iOS framework for 15+ client projects — reduced code duplication and development effort by 50%	
- Process Improvement: Identified communication gaps between teams; established processes and tools improving alignment with product and UX	
- Team Development: Invested in mentorship and knowledge-sharing sessions, developing junior engineers into independent contributors	
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Spiria Digital <i>Software Architect, Senior Developer</i>	2013 — 2019
Solution architect responsible for initial architecture design and evolution across enterprise client engagements. Led technical discovery, requirements analysis, and delivery.	
- Solution Architecture: Led requirements analysis, technical discovery, and produced API contracts, data models, and integration strategies	
- CAE PreStudy: Designed end-to-end architecture spanning Spring backend, Angular frontend, and iOS client for aviation pilot training	
- Architecture Artifacts: Produced documentation covering security considerations, scalability approaches, and deployment topologies	
- Engineering Standards: Defined standards and mentored developers across multiple project teams, raising overall code quality	
- Acosta SLTouch: Architected hybrid mobile framework for retail analytics using BackboneJS and Node.js	
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8D Technologies <i>Back-End Java Developer → iOS Developer</i>	2009 — 2013
Pioneer in urban mobility architecture (Bixi) within a team combining hardware and software. Designed systems for city-wide deployments under real-world constraints.	
- System Architecture: Started on backend Java team; transitioned to iOS bringing backend expertise that bridged system architecture across layers	
- Scalability Solutions: Engineered solutions for challenging connectivity and performance constraints in London and NYC deployments	
- AR Innovation: Pioneered first-ever Augmented Reality bike-sharing finder combining live camera feed with Core Location data	
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Accovia <i>Back-End Java Developer — Architecture Team</i>	2007 — 2009
- Platform Architecture: Rebuilt Ibiza travel platform with Java/Spring/Hibernate after critical client recovery — performance optimization and service orchestration	
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Compuware Montreal <i>Java Consultant (Morgan Stanley)</i>	2005 — 2007
- Migration Architecture: Libra project — migrated mainframe to Java under financial compliance requirements; globally distributed team	

Mediagrif Java Developer

2003 – 2005

- Infrastructure Architecture: Built core services and reusable components on Software Infrastructure team for e-commerce products

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.