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Full Stack Developer with over 20 years of experience. Team leader with real world experience optimizing software development while fostering collaborative teams for both startups and multimillion dollar organizations. Japanese language learner at a basic conversational level.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ATTANE, INC.   Kansas City, MO, US
Senior Solution Designer, Technical Director, Lead Developer   *Sept 2014–Feb 2023*

- Led a team of developers, implementation specialists, QA specialists, and systems engineers in the development and deployment of a robust AWS SaaS platform, resulting in increased user conversions and reduced operational costs and timing
- Led merger and acquisition process analysis for all technical roles resulting in an aggregated team and 94% associate retention for acquired technical roles
- Mentored solution designers, technical directors, and developers, providing guidance on process, best practices, and promoting skill development across the team
- Collaborated with sales, client service, product managers, third-party vendors, and clients to define project scope, prioritize features, and create detailed technical specifications
- Helped to implement agile development methodologies and conducted regular sprint planning, stand-up meetings, and code reviews to ensure the team's efficiency and productivity
- Improved and implemented responsive web design practices, front-end interfaces, RESTful APIs, and OOP backend development using HTML5, CSS3, PHP, and JavaScript frameworks such as React and jQuery

KENMONT GROUP, INC.   Richmond, VA, US
Lead Developer   *Aug 2010–Sept 2014*

- Responsible for all aspects of technical delivery, including hiring, budgeting, scopes of work, design, development, deployment, data monitoring & analytics, hosting, and support
- Led a team of 5 developers in the design, development, and analytics of hundreds of websites as apps utilizing technologies likes HTML5, CSS3, SASS, JavaScript, jQuery, JSON, PHP, Python, ASP.NET, C#, Object-C, RESTful & SOAP APIs, WordPress, Magento, OpenCart, Ruby on Rails, and many more
- Mentored junior developers, providing guidance on best practices, and promoting skill development
- Spearheaded hosting migration to cloud infrastructure and streamlined development processes resulting in 300% cost reduction and a streamlined development timeline
- Partnered with cross-functional teams across many different industries to deliver custom, client-centric solutions for specific unique business needs, managing 10k members to 50k product offerings

HTMYELL DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT, LLC.   Richmond, VA, US
Owner/Operator/Freelance   *Jan 2008–Present*

- Successfully completed freelance projects for over 50 clients delivering custom web and mobile applications tailored to a wide range of specific client needs and technologies

PROJECTS

- AutoFacebook, AutoTweet, and AutoFacebook OG – Open source Zen Cart plugins utilizing Facebook & Twitter APIs with over 19,000 combined downloads

SKILLS

- HTML, CSS, Sass, Less, Bootstrap, Foundation, Tailwind, JavaScript, TypeScript, jQuery, React, React Native, Next.JS, Node.JS, PHP, Python, WordPress, Laravel, Magento, OpenCart, Zen Cart, Ruby on Rails, C#, Object-C
- RESTful, OAuth, SOAP, OOP, MVC, GraphQL, JSON, SQL, MySQL, MSSQL, PostgreSQL, Git, GitHub, Actions, CI/CD, Docker, Jenkins, Kubernetes
- AWS, GCP, Azure, DigitalOcean, Windows, IIS, Linux, Ubuntu Server, Apache, Nginx, Caching, SSL, Security, PCI Compliance, HIIPA, ADA, SEO, Google Analytics, Google Tag Manager
- MacOS, iPhone, Android, Microsoft Office Suite, Google Docs, Teams, Zoom, Slack Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Figma, Blender, Notion, JIRA, Trello, Confluence, Bitbucket

CERTIFICATIONS

- Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) – N5 (Basic Level Japanese)