MATTHEW KENDON

Full-stack Web Developer | Dev-Ops Engineer | Docker Enthusiast

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📍 Brighton & Hove, UK

SUMMARY

Experienced senior developer and managing director with over 11 years in full-stack software development. Skilled in PHP, Python, NodeJS, and cloud hosting. Transformed infrastructure, reducing deployment times by up to 80% in 3 months. Led the migration of projects with zero downtime and migrated all PHP projects to PHP 8 across 20+ projects in x years. Pioneered docker-based CI, leading its implementation across all projects.

EXPERIENCE

Full Time Parent
04/2024 - Present

Last year I welcomed my first child, and I've been lucky to be able to take time out of my career to care for my family as we grew.

I feel very blessed to have been so present in his first year, spending this time together has been incredibly rewarding and has helped me to appreciate my life so far and the next stage of my journey.

Owner
04/2017 - 04/2024

Outlandish
London, UK

In 2017, I became an owner of Outlandish, taking on greater responsibility in the strategic planning of the business while continuing my main responsibilities as a senior web developer.

- Chaired a weekly meeting of web developers to identify risks and opportunities; increasing developer engagement in business activities by 40%.
- Trained and took part in facilitating meetings using consent-based decision making and Sociocratic practices.
- Organised regular short presentations from developers to the rest of the team to highlight successes and learnings.
- Joined the finance team, shadowing other owners and completing month end and year-end activities in Xero.

Senior Web Developer
10/2012 - 04/2024

Outlandish
London, UK

I joined Outlandish in 2012; delivering my first client project in my first two weeks. Since then, I widened and deepened my skills by taking on any opportunities that came my way.

- Reduced developer on-boarding times by 50% by creating standardised Docker Compose developer environments for all projects.
- Improved client project code storage by advocating for moving our Bare Git repositories to a self-hosted GitLab Community Edition instance.
- Designed and implemented a Continuous Integration pipeline policy, reducing Time to Deploy by up to 80% and improving developer confidence in tested code.
- Practiced Test-Driven Development, increasing code-coverage of my projects to at least 50%.
- Automated deployment of our client projects to AWS using Ansible, simplifying the process and reducing deployment times by up to 80%.
- Led the development team for a client project that was delivered in 20 developer days and achieved 140% of expected engagement within the first 24 hours.
- Led the migration of 20+ client projects from our old hosting provider to AWS with minimal downtime, reducing hosting costs by 33%.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Customer Support Representative
09/2008 - 10/2012

Disney
Brighton & Hove, UK

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

⚙️ **Docker Developer Environments**
Designed and implement docker developer environments, improving speed of developer onboarding by 30%.

🏃 **High-Speed Developer**
Part of a two-person development team that delivered two MVP web applications in the same work in response to COVID-19 lockdowns.

💬 **Speaker at UN Conference**
Presented the success of our SchoolCuts project to a UN conference in Istanbul in 2018

⚡ **Project COLA**
Led a development team that was part of an innovative EU research project on container orchestration.

SKILLS

PHP, Laravel, HTML, CSS, Python, React, Vue, Typescript, Git,

Laravel, WordPress, Flask, NextJS, NuxtJS

Code Review, Mentoring, Technical Communication, Project Delivery

Docker, Ansible, Terraform, AWS, EC2, ECS, CI/CD, Github, GitLab

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Floor
Company Name

Date period
Location

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy
University of Kent, UK

09/2004 - 07/2007
Canterbury, UK