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⚡ TL;DR

I am a skilled developer and architect committed to code quality and maintainability. I am well organized, a dedicated problem solver, and I put great pride in my work. I'm always ready to learn new things and believe everything has room for improvement.

▤ SKILLS

PHP	CSS	REST	Doctrine
OOP	Javascript	Database Design	System Architecture
PHPUnit	AJAX	MySQL	Git
Symfony	Node.js	MongoDB	Linux
HTML	Websockets	Elasticsearch	Automated Testing

💼 EXPERIENCE

RallySport Direct — Jun 2015 - Present
Senior Back-end Developer
- Develop dealer portals (B2B websites) for our parent company and all subsidiaries. This currently includes wholesale.northridge4x4.com and will later include wholesale.rallysportdirect.com and dealer.premierwd.com.
- Develop custom eCommerce websites for rallysportdirect.com, northridge4x4.com and cosworthperformance.com.
- Designed the development, testing and release flows for the entire development department.
- Architected and developed several high priority projects including multi-warehouse shipping and fulfillment of a single order.
- Trained team members on version control and linux to effectively manage source control, pull requests and deploys.

Black Box Code — May 2014 - May 2015
Lead Developer & Architect
- Developed and architected a "one-size-fits-all" eCommerce application for enterprise business solutions.
- Hired as the very first employee and worked directly with the owners of the company.
- Developed a class compilation hierarchy for dependency management between clients.
- Wrote all unit tests for the eCommerce application by following the "test first" strategy.

WakeUpNow — May 2014 - Feb 2015
Senior Back-end Developer
- Architected and developed a new website including order generation, payment processing and content management.
- Wrote and maintained unit tests by following the "test first" strategy.
- Trained QA department to successfully manage releases.
- Designed the development, testing and release flows for the entire organization.

eReplacementParts — Mar 2010 - Jan 2014
Web & Systems Developer
- Pioneered the automated collection of data from suppliers. This increased data collection productivity by 500%, reduced overhead needs of the Data Entry Department from 7 to 3 full-time positions and eliminated human error.
- Cleaned up large portions of the system by introducing OOP practices to an otherwise spaghetti-style codebase. This included payment processing via multiple gateways, sales order processing, and content management.
- Researched and implemented document capture technology so that invoices from hundreds of vendors could be tracked and logged.
- Trained employees on web scraping and intelligent document capture.
- Automated interdepartmental tasks to minimize staffing requirements.

👥 RECOMMENDATIONS

❝ It is with great pride that I recommend Christopher West as your next Sr. Software Engineer or Architect. I have had the pleasure of working with Chris on multiple occasions. I can say without hesitation that, the often-frustrating issues related to poor code, missed deadlines or unreliability, are simply eliminated when Chris is around. Chris takes the time to get projects done right and he has spent more than one weekend working on upgrades, maintenance projects and critical releases.

My association with Chris began approximately 2 years ago while I was serving as CEO of Black Box Code, a software solutions company. Chris and I worked together on many projects giving me authority to say, he is a meticulous planner and puts his whole heart into his tasks. This may seem trivial but having someone on staff that truly loves what they do is the difference between an average employee and a passionate professional, Chris is unquestionably the latter.

In my interactions with Chris he has always expressed the need to excel and progress. I recommend challenging him; this is where I was able to see the greatest growth in him. He quickly adapted and advanced to drive innovation and proper code practices. Chris' exceptional personal and professional attitude also makes him a well-suited and fantastic team member. Someone suited to lead when needed and follow when directed.

Chris is, without a doubt, a quality software engineer and would do great things for your organization. ❞

— Adam Boswell
CTO @ World Cup of Sales

❝ It is my pleasure to recommend Christopher West, his performance working as part of our development team proved that he will be a valuable addition to any company.

I have worked with Christopher for more than three years. Early in his employment, Christopher had some ideas for process improvement. He wrote scripts to collect the data we received from our clients and formatted it for our website. With these, my department was able to finish the project in about five months. The project would have taken four times that long without the automation system Christopher developed for that project. Christopher continued to work for me on various projects, and based on his work, I would rank him as one of the best developers we have ever had.

Christopher distinguished himself by consistently submitting exceptionally well-designed and well-thought-out programs for tasks in multiple departments throughout our company. Christopher is highly intelligent and has good analytical and communication skills.

His performance in our company is a good indication of how he would perform in yours, he would be an extremely positive asset to your company. ❞

— Shandee Whittle
Data Ops Manager @ eReplacementParts

❝ Christopher worked at eReplacementParts for four years. He quickly became one of our top PHP developers. During this time, he had a very positive impact on the company.

Chris worked on a lot of projects for a lot of different people. He excelled at seeing the visions of others, and he understood the big picture. He was a favorite around the office because of his ability to bridge the communication gap between himself and non-developers. Because of the nature of what he was working on, the scope of his projects would often change. Sometimes this was due to new information; sometimes it was due to changing needs. Chris was able to handle these changes very well and always came up with a final product that made everyone involved happy.

Chris takes pride in his work, and when he says a project is finished, he means it. His PHP knowledge is complete and his work ethic is incredible. He rarely misses time, and he is always on task.

For years, our company went through a lot of developers, trying to put the right team together. Chris was a part of that winning team. If I were in a position to hire a developer right now, Chris West would be number one on that list. ❞

— Derek Foreman
President of Operations @ eReplacementParts

❝ I've had the pleasure of working with Christopher West for the past four years. He was already an excellent employee when, unprompted, he revolutionized our processes over a weekend. Everything we do today is built on his early work.

When people brought us development projects to be done for their departments, they would specifically request Chris. Everyone knew that having Chris work on it meant it would get done right. He was a great developer to have working on your projects - he asks the right questions, but he also knows when it's up to him to fill in the blanks.

Good developers are hard to come by, and Christopher West is a great developer. He's smart, easy to work with, reliable, fast, thorough, and he has great initiative. In an environment where we often have to settle for 6's and 7's, he is a 10. I cannot recommend him strongly enough. ❞

— Michael Foreman
Director of Web Development @ eReplacementParts

❝ I guess he doesn't suck. ❞

— Casey Coones
Senior Software Engineer @ eBay