

Nitesh Harjilawala

Full-Stack Software Developer (Backend-Focused) | PHP, MySQL, React | 5+ Years Experience

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Professional Summary

Full Stack Web Developer with **5+ years of experience** designing and delivering SaaS platforms, e-commerce solutions, and enterprise web applications. Skilled in **PHP, MySQL, React.js, JavaScript, jQuery, Bootstrap**, and **REST APIs**, with a proven track record of building secure, scalable, and user-friendly applications. Experienced in working within Agile teams, conducting code reviews, collaborating across Designing, QA, operations, and customer support, and delivering stable solutions with a strong emphasis on testing, security, and performance. Proficient in **unit and integration testing, CI/CD pipelines, Git, Linux environments**, and **cloud services**. Known for problem-solving, mentoring, and aligning technical solutions with business goals. **Adaptable and open to learning new technologies quickly to meet organizational needs and stay ahead of industry trends.**

Skills & Competencies

- **Backend Development & Databases:** PHP, Laravel, CodeIgniter, MVC Architecture, MySQL, PostgreSQL, REST APIs, API Integrations, PDO, Authentication & Session Management
- **Frontend Development:** React, JavaScript, jQuery, HTML5, CSS3, Bootstrap, Familiarity with TypeScript, Tailwind CSS (basic familiarity), Angular, Responsive UI Development
- **Software Practices:** Unit & Integration Testing, Debugging, Secure Coding (XSS/SQL Injection prevention), Performance Optimization, Code Reviews, Agile/Scrum, Security Compliances (PCI-DSS, GDPR)
- **DevOps & Tools:** Git/GitHub, Linux Environments, AWS (EC2, S3 - basic familiarity), CI/CD (GitHub Actions, Jenkins), Docker (familiarity)
- **Collaboration Tools:** Zoho, Custom CRS, Jira/Confluence (familiarity)
- **Exploring & Continuous Learning:** AI-assisted development workflows and other emerging technologies
- **Other Skills:** Release Management, Cross-functional Teamwork, Strong Communication

Experience

Senior Software Developer

Staah Hotel Software Pvt. Ltd. | Mar 2022 – Oct 2023

- Collaborated with senior leadership to cultivate a high-performance culture and facilitate developer onboarding.
- **Led product training** sessions and supported technical guidance for junior developers.
- **Oversaw application development and testing efforts**, including specification review, test preparation, and integration testing coordination.
- Maintained and **enhanced applications** by recommending improvements in technology, policy, and processes.
- **Developed reusable widgets** compatible across browsers and front-end frameworks.
- Collaborated with testing, design, and support teams to **ensure smooth internal communication**.
- Monitored servers and **optimized backend code and MySQL queries** to **enhance system performance**.
- Designed and **developed RESTful APIs** for system integration.

PHP Developer

UPQOR Pvt. Ltd. (Previously PK Infosys) | Feb 2021 – Dec 2021

- **Led “Jewelry” and “Diamond Hub”** sub-projects, focusing on **backend development** and **API integration**.
- **Coordinated closely with project manager**, frontend designers, and QA teams for timely delivery.
- Demonstrated comprehensive understanding of the **development lifecycle**, including specification, documentation, implementation, and testing.
- **Developed backend components** with PDO and **optimized API workflows** for secure, reliable data handling.
- **Explored Angular** and supported frontend development efforts.
- Website **Performance Optimization** (frontend responsiveness and backend query tuning).

Associate Software Engineer

eZee Technosys Pvt. Ltd. | May 2018 – Feb 2021

- Contributed to a robust **Property Management System (PMS)** in the hospitality sector, participating across the full **SDLC** and aligning technical goals with quarterly and annual roadmaps.
- **Collaborated cross-functionally** with Product, Architecture, System Analysis, QA, and Operations teams to ensure smooth and secure system delivery.
- Owned and **continuously improved core modules** in an Agile environment, proactively reporting risks and suggesting recovery plans.
- Conducted **peer code reviews** and security audits, ensuring clean, efficient, and **secure code practices**.
- **Developed and integrated internal and third-party APIs**; enhanced backend system monitoring and ensured **data security compliance**.
- Acted as **Release Manager** for deployment cycles, ensuring compliance with **PCI-DSS** and **GDPR** standards.
- Spearheaded a dynamic OTA integration tool during an internal **hackathon (H3)**, reducing onboarding time from **4–6 months** to **under a week** by **automating development**, code review, and QA processes.
- **Developed a reusable module** to **reduce team dependencies** and **speed up OTA partner integration**.
- **Took initiative to lead** a cross-functional team in **hackathon (H4)**, delivering the project successfully under tight deadlines in the absence of the assigned leader.

Education

Master of Arts in Leadership (2023-2025) Trinity Western University, Vancouver, Canada.

Master of Computer Applications (2015-2018) Indira Gandhi National Open University, Surat, India.

Awards & Recognition

- Awarded by Staah Hotel Software Pvt. Ltd. for successfully delivering a **high-priority project** on time with outstanding performance.
- Recognized by eZee Technosys Pvt. Ltd. with the “**My eZee Reward**” and “**Innovation Reward**” for contributing valuable ideas and improvements to key systems