

# TOMASZ GORA

## Full-Stack Developer

**Frontend:** PHP & Laravel, React, Astro, HTML, CSS, JavaScript

**Backend:** Go, Linux, Bash, Containers, SQL and CMS

Both Traditional and AI-based workflows

Clean Code & Accessibility-Focused

## ABOUT ME

Versatile Software Developer with a BA in Web & Mobile Development and hands-on experience delivering fast, accessible websites using various stacks. Known for building real-world, CMS-driven projects with clean, maintainable code. Quick to learn and adapt, using AI coding tools like Aider and Codex to streamline work. Strong communication skills, solid tech foundations, and a background in customer-facing roles make me a reliable, well-rounded team player.



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## WORK EXPERIENCE

- Store Assistant – Tesco, Falkirk** August 2023 – Present  
Customer service. Replenished stock, ensured shelf presentation, and maintained store standards.
- Store Assistant – Toolstation, Falkirk** August 2021 – August 2023  
Delivered face-to-face customer support and managed stock. Performed cash handling, inventory operations, and paperwork management.
- Tier 1 Tech Support Agent - Sykes UK, Edinburgh** June 2019 – April 2021  
Technical support for smart speaker systems, GDPR compliance, and bilingual service (English & Polish) via chat, phone, and email.
- Store Assistant – Lidl, Bo'ness** September 2016 – June 2019  
Checkout operation, paperwork, and store organization.
- PAST POSITIONS**
  - Food Production Operative, Caledonian Produce, Bo'ness (Oct 2015 – Sep 2019). Quality control checks, handled dispatch preparation and record management.
  - Self-Employed Sole Trader, "Pin Me Down", Lublin, Poland (Jan 2011 – Sep 2015). Founded and ran an online merchandise store; managed design, customer interaction, order processing, logistics, finance; handled invoicing, client communication, and delivery operations.

## FEATURED PROJECTS

### Kirkenduff Community Collective Website

*Stack: Astro, React, Tailwind, Directus CMS, Docker*

- Developed as part of a university industrial placement.
- Performant, accessible, CMS-backed website for a local NGO client. The project has been anonymized for portfolio with fictional data.

### Notable

*Stack: PHP, Laravel, Tailwind, PostgreSQL, Docker*

- A note-taking and idea-organization app calling an AI endpoint to convert handwritten notes to markdown
- Full-stack development focus; prioritizing UX and responsiveness.

### PhoneZone (2024)

*Stack: PHP, MySQL, Docker*

- Page, simple cart system and custom-built admin panel for a conceptual mobile phone retailer.

## SOFTWARE & TOOLS

Linux (Fedora as daily driver, Debian and derivatives on the server, Arch on the Steam Deck), Windows, VS Code, WSL, JetBrains IDEs, Vim/Neovim, Git/GitHub, SSH, Tmux, Bash scripting, Docker, Caddy, Apache, Nginx, WordPress (legacy familiarity), Figma, Photoshop, image optimization, Microsoft Office Suite, LibreOffice, Browser DevTools, Log viewers, CLI tools

## EDUCATION

University of the West of Scotland – Paisley, UK

BA – Web and Mobile Development

Completed with strong academic standing

Edinburgh College – Edinburgh, UK

HND – Software Development HNC –

Software Development

Grade A in both qualifications.

School of Art and Design – Lublin, Poland

Studied Digital Graphic Design (Graduate without diploma)

## KEY SKILLS

### Full-stack web development

- HTML, CSS, JavaScript (JS), PHP, React, Tailwind CSS, Components, semantic markup, accessible and responsive UI, Laravel, MySQL, SQLite, CMS systems, SQL databases,
- Basics of deployment, designing, prototyping and implementing workflows
- Git, VSCode, JetBrains, Neovim, Tmux
- Server management, Caddy, Apache, Nginx
- AI-assisted dev tools (Claude Code, Aider, OpenCode, MCP agents)
- At the same time traditional problem tracking, solving and debugging on my own
- Problem-solving & debugging
- Terminal & CLI proficiency
- Self-motivated & continuously learning

## SOFT SKILLS

- Fluent in English and Polish
- Excellent problem-solving mindset
- Passionate about software craftsmanship and documentation
- Adaptable, fast learner with strong drive
- Efficient in high-pressure environments
- Collaborative, positive communicator with good time management

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Real-world & concept projects in portfolio
- Strong in Git, Linux, CLI workflows,
- Proven support & retail experience
- Adaptive, fast-learning developer focused on usability and clean code