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Personal Profile

I am a results-driven full-stack software engineer with extensive experience in software and web application development. I excel in translating ideas into functional prototypes and applications that solve business challenges and meet organizational needs. My experience spans both collaborative and independent roles, showcasing my forward-thinking leadership and refined analytical skills. I adapt swiftly to evolving priorities and emergent issues, consistently aligning IT strategies with business goals. My expertise includes developing IT roadmaps and optimizing IT operating models to drive efficiency and innovation.

Work Experience

Full Stack Developer | Digital Transformation Engineer | WordPress Expert
2017 - 2024 - Independent Contractor | Freelancer | Remote | Self-Employed

- I develop full-stack web applications using modern frameworks like Laravel, React, and Vue.js, ensuring scalability, performance, and maintainability.
- I design and implement RESTful APIs to enable seamless communication between front-end and back-end systems.
- I build, customize, and maintain WordPress websites, including developing custom themes and plugins, optimizing performance, and securing installations.
- I modernize legacy systems by re-architecting outdated applications into efficient, automated, and cloud-ready digital solutions.
- I optimize and manage databases such as MySQL, PostgreSQL, and MongoDB, handling data modeling, indexing, and migrations.
- I lead the full project lifecycle—from gathering requirements and drafting proposals to development, deployment, and ongoing support.
- I implement secure coding practices, role-based access controls, and data protection measures to ensure robust application security.
- I consult with clients on their digital transformation goals and recommend technologies and workflows that improve efficiency and scalability.
- I deploy and manage applications on cloud and VPS environments like AWS and DigitalOcean, using Git, CI/CD pipelines, and other DevOps tools.
- I communicate directly with clients to understand their needs, manage project timelines, and deliver customized technical solutions that align with their business goals.

Full Stack Developer | Tech Lead | WordPress Expert
2018 - 2019 - OSMiUM Private Ltd, Colombo, Sri Lanka | Website: https://osmium.com.au/

- I was directly involved in the development of a CRM in Laravel for a real estate client, where I implemented new features to enhance the efficiency of the sales team, streamline invoice generation, optimize mobile-responsive interfaces, and address bug fixes and improvements throughout the entire application.

- I developed a CRM system using Laravel to integrate the donation system with the website, enabling administrators to efficiently manage communication with donors and the broader community.

- I was responsible for the development and management of numerous WordPress websites, serving as both a front-end and back-end developer.

Web Developer
2014 - 2018 - Suxiid Private Ltd, Colombo, Sri Lanka | Website: https://www.suxiid.com/

- This was my first formal employment, where I gained valuable experience and underwent significant professional growth. I initially joined as a Junior Web Developer and, after a year and a half, was promoted to Senior Web Application Developer.

- During this period, I developed numerous Ecommerce, WordPress websites, handling both front-end and back-end development.

- I developed my first full-stack application using Laravel for a vehicle maintenance and repair company. This system enabled point-of-sale transactions, invoice generation, management of purchase orders and inventory, as well as the generation of comprehensive reports for analytical purposes.

Education

Bachelor of Information Technology
University of Colombo School of Computing (UCSC) | Colombo, Sri Lanka

College Education
Maliyadeva College | Kurunegala, Sri Lanka

Technical Skills

Languages: PHP, Javascript, SQL, Dart, Python

Frameworks: Laravel, Flutter, Codeigniter

Frontend: JavaScript, VueJS, InertiaJS, Vite, Node.js, Bootstrap, Tailwind

Databases: MySQL, MongoDB, Postgres

CMS: Wordpress Theme/Plugin Development, Drupal, Zen Cart, Webflow, Shopify

Web Servers: Apache, Ngnix, IIS

OS: Linux, Windows

Version Control: Git (github, bitbucket, gitlab)

Virtualization: Vagrant, VirtualBox

IDE: VS Code, PhpStorm, Android Studio, Visual Studio

Other: OpenAI, AWS, Postman, Photoshop, Slack, Trello, Basecamp, Monday, HTML, CSS, jQuery

Languages

English: Proficient / Fluent

Finnish: Beginner / Learning

Sinhala: Native

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GitHub: https://github.com/dhanmalage

Wordpress: https://profiles.wordpress.org/punsisi/

Stackoverflow: https://stackoverflow.com/users/4322960/dhan