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Software Developer | Full Stack Engineer | Vue 3 • React • Svelte • Fastify • Node.js • Laravel

Technical Team Lead & Full Stack Engineer with 5+ years of experience building and scaling secure SaaS platforms in FinTech and e-commerce. Proven track record of leading engineering teams, driving end-to-end delivery, and shipping high-performance systems used by 10,000+ users. Strong in Laravel, Node.js, Vue 3, and AWS, with experience in microservices architecture, Agile leadership, and production operations. Passionate about building scalable systems, improving team productivity, and leveraging AI-driven solutions to enhance product capabilities.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Developer Team Lead | Truly Legit | Calgary, AB | Jul 2024 – Present

- Lead end-to-end engineering delivery across a microservices-based SaaS platform, balancing hands-on development with team leadership, Agile execution, and production operations.
- Architect and scale full-stack systems using Vue 3, Svelte, TailwindCSS, Laravel, Node.js, Fastify, MySQL and PostgreSQL on AWS.
- Drive Agile delivery as acting Scrum Master, facilitating sprint ceremonies, while improving team alignment and execution consistency.
- Own release management lifecycle, including rollout planning, environment promotions, deployment coordination, and post-release validation to ensure stable, high-quality production releases. Improve team velocity and productivity by introducing workflow optimizations, automation (e.g., developer tooling, command workflows), and clearer task structuring.
- Spearhead integration of Truly Legit's verification badge across 6+ major e-commerce platforms (Shopify, WordPress, OpenCart, Magento, X-Cart, Shoplazza) through custom plugin development. Implement GA4 and GTM to track user behaviors and conversions.
- Collaborate closely with product stakeholders to design and deliver features aligned with business goals, translating requirements into scalable technical solutions. Mentor and support engineers by providing technical guidance, removing blockers, and fostering a high-performing, collaborative team environment without micromanagement.

Senior Software Developer | Gigadat Inc | Calgary, AB | Apr 2023 – Jul 2024

- Spearheaded development of financial tech platforms used by 10,000 clients, focusing on security, performance, and UX.
- Architected and maintained client-facing apps and internal tools using Vue.js, TailwindCSS, Laravel (PHP), PostgreSQL, and Stripe.
- Integrated white-label plugins across affiliate platforms including Shopify and WordPress.
- Collaborated with team of senior developers through biweekly Agile sprints; planned releases and oversaw CI/CD workflows.
- Managed deployment pipelines, database migrations, and rollback strategies to deliver zero-downtime launches.

Software Developer | Field Safe Solutions | Calgary, AB | Aug 2022 – Jan 2023

- Delivered new features and bug fixes in PHP and JavaScript for enterprise safety apps used across remote industrial sites.
- Built dynamic forms in HTML/JS/CSS used by field workers daily to log safety data and incidents.
- Practiced test-driven development and collaborated in Agile sprints to maintain high code reliability.
- Performed QA testing using JIRA test frameworks and verified all tickets passed review before sprint completions.

Software Developer | University of British Columbia | Remote | Feb 2021 – Aug 2022

- Migrated 60,000+ user-facing sites from PHP 5.3 to 7.4 and RHEL 6 to 7, modernizing UBC Okanagan's entire web infrastructure.
- Refactored legacy PHP codebases and resolved runtime issues to guarantee full compatibility in new environments.
- Deployed tested code using Git and custom dev pipelines; supported dozens of departmental websites across a remote team.
- Handled database migrations and server configs using MySQL Workbench and Interworx.

TECHNICAL SKILLS & ASSETS

- **Languages & Frontend:** JavaScript (ES6+), TypeScript, Vue 3, React, Svelte, HTML5, CSS3, TailwindCSS
- **Backend, APIs & Databases:** Node.js, PHP (Laravel), Fastify, GraphQL, REST APIs, PostgreSQL, MySQL, Prisma ORM, Firebase
- **Cloud Tools & Analytics:** GitHub, CI/CD, AWS, JIRA, Confluence, Trello, Postman, Google Tag Manager, GA4, Meta
- **Work Eligibility:** Eligible to work in Canada with no restrictions

FORMAL EDUCATION

BSc, Computer Science | University of British Columbia | Kelowna, BC | Sep 2016 – Apr 2021

- Captain, USPORTS Varsity Men's Basketball Team; Heat Athletic Council member; Junior Heat coach and trainer
- Academic All Canadian (2019/2020) & (2020/2021), Varsity Men's Player of the Year Award (2019/2020)