Shea Dawson

Full Stack Developer

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Key Skills

- Laravel, SilverStripe, PHP, MySQL, NodeJS
- Typescript, VueJS, AlpineJS, TailwindCSS, Vite
- Linux, NGINX, CLI, Git, TDD, DevOps
- Excellent written language skills
- Excellent communication & interpersonal skills

Core Values

- Continuous improvement
- Attention to detail
- Authenticity
- Kindness

Personal Projects/Experience

- Developed automated smart composting machines @ communitycompost.co.nz
- Produced & performed electronic music at an international level @ Mr Squatch
- Completed many months of mindfulness / meditation study & practice on residential retreats
- Traveled, hiked, climbed & cycled around New Zealand, Australia & SE Aslia
- Father to one beautiful girl

Education

Natcoll Design Technology (now Yoobee)

Diploma of Web Development

2008

About me

I combine 15 years experience in a range of web frameworks with lateral, systems and first principles thinking. With a strong desire to make a meaningful contribution in the world, I'm in my happy place synthesizing awesome software that makes a real difference.

I get a kick out of unveiling the simplest, most elegant solutions to complex problems, and take both an intuitive and analytical approach to selecting the optimal tools and technologies to bring them to life.

In recent years, Laravel has been my core technology of choice for just about all projects. I'm always looking for the best opportunities to offer my skills and enthusiasm for building with Laravel, while learning and developing myself and my team towards excellence as both exceptional developers and great human beings.

Work Experience

Senior Full Stack Engineer @ UpShift – Feb2022 - present

- Won multiple projects through writing project proposals, solution architecture, SoWs & greatly improving the quality of these processes
- Lead the development of several successful Laravel, SilverStripe, VueJS & NodeJS projects in the science, environment, infrastructure, health & e-commerce sectors
- Implemented a structured mentoring & professional development program for junior devs, introduced TDD, zero downtime deployments, issue monitoring, lead the research, evaluation & adoption of new technologies

Freelance Web Developer @ LiveSource – 2014 - 2022

- Worked directly with individuals & businesses to provide end-to-end website/app design & development services using SilverStripe CMS/Framework
- Supported agencies & development teams remotely though both short & long term contracts
- Authored 20 popular open-source SilverStripe PHP modules

Web Developer @ SilverStripe Australia (now Symbiote) – 2011-2014

- Delivered key components of several large projects for clients such as Metro Trains Melbourne & NSW Government.
- Developed & maintained many open-source SilverStripe modules, made contributions to the SilverStripe core framework

Freelance Web Developer @ LiveSource – 2009 - 2011

- Worked directly with individuals & businesses to provide end-to-end website/app design & development services using various technologies such as Wordpress, Joomla, Drupal, SilverStripe, jQuery
- Supported agencies & development teams remotely though both short & long term contracts