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Professional Summary

Senior WordPress Developer with 6+ years of experience delivering bespoke, high-performance websites in agency environments. Strong focus on translating business and client objectives into scalable technical solutions through thoughtful architecture, clean code, and performance-driven development. Experienced in technical discovery, custom theme development, integrations, and guiding projects from concept to launch. Comfortable collaborating with clients, designers, project managers, and developers while maintaining high standards for quality, security, and maintainability.

Core Skills

- Custom WordPress Theme Development (ACF-driven, bespoke architectures)
 - PHP, JavaScript, HTML5, CSS3, SCSS
 - Front-end Architecture & Responsive Design
 - Performance Optimisation & Core Web Vitals
 - Technical Scoping & Solution Design
 - API Integrations & Dynamic Content Architecture
 - Git & Modern Development Workflows
 - Cross-Browser & Cross-Device Compatibility
 - Accessibility, SEO & Security Best Practices
 - Technical Collaboration & Developer Guidance
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Professional Experience

Senior WordPress Developer / Web Developer & Technical Lead

InHouse Design | 2023 – Present

- Lead the technical delivery of bespoke WordPress websites from discovery through launch.
- Translate business and client requirements into scalable WordPress architectures and functional specifications.
- Design and build fully custom themes using PHP, ACF, and modern front-end tooling.
- Make architectural decisions around performance, scalability, integrations, and long-term maintainability.

- Collaborate closely with designers, project managers, and stakeholders to align technical execution with strategic goals.
 - Ensure high standards around code quality, performance optimisation, accessibility, and SEO.
 - Guide best practices, review implementations, and support other developers during delivery.
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WordPress Developer

Afrozaar | 2022 – 2023

- Delivered custom WordPress themes from scratch based on design mockups and project requirements.
 - Developed theme architectures using PHP, custom post types, and advanced custom fields.
 - Implemented dynamic content, reusable components, and scalable template structures.
 - Ensured responsiveness, cross-browser compatibility, and accessibility across devices.
 - Applied WordPress security best practices and performance optimisation techniques.
 - Collaborated with cross-functional teams using Git-based workflows.
 - Produced technical documentation for theme usage, configuration, and handover.
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Web Designer / Developer

Bsure Group | 2020 – 2022

- Converted UI/UX designs into functional, responsive web interfaces.
 - Developed and maintained HTML, CSS, and JavaScript codebases for multiple web projects.
 - Implemented interactive features and front-end logic while maintaining performance standards.
 - Worked closely with designers to ensure accurate translation of visual concepts into production-ready interfaces.
 - Tested, debugged, and optimised websites for consistency across browsers and devices.
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Web Designer / Developer

Big Link SA | 2018 – 2020

- Built custom WordPress websites and front-end interfaces for client projects.
 - Developed custom themes and plugins to extend WordPress functionality.
 - Collaborated on UI implementation, branding assets, and digital presentation.
 - Supported multiple client projects in an agency environment with varying scopes and timelines.
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Education

FCC – FreeCodeCamp | 2021 – 2022

Responsive Web Design & JavaScript Frameworks

BCom Internal Auditing | University of Pretoria | 2005 – 2009

Languages

- English
 - Sesotho
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Portfolio

Selected projects and case studies available at:

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