

STEPHEN AKINOLA

PHP WEB WORDPRESS DEVELOPER

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- **WordPress Plugin Development:** Advanced skills in creating and modifying WordPress plugins, ensuring compatibility across multiple versions and with other plugins/themes.
- **Coding Standards:** Proficient in writing reliable and optimized PHP code, following industry best practices and ensuring seamless integration with WordPress core.
- **Front-End Integration:** Strong command over HTML, CSS3, JavaScript, jQuery, VueJS, and React, with a focus on developing user-friendly plugin interfaces.
- **API Integration:** Comprehensive experience in integrating and managing RESTful APIs, including third-party solutions like Stripe, PayPal and Google.
- **Project Management:** Proven track record in leading end-to-end plugin development projects using Agile methodologies, ensuring timely project delivery.
- **Continuous Learning:** Enthusiastic about adopting new updates in WordPress, security practices, and frontend advancements, consistently improving team knowledge-sharing.
- **Collaboration:** Effective team player, engaging with cross-functional teams and clients to enhance project outcomes, ensuring high client satisfaction rate.
- **Performance Optimization:** Demonstrated expertise in identifying and resolving performance bottlenecks, reducing load times and boosting SEO metrics.
- **Mentorship:** Passionate about advancing the engineering discipline, mentoring junior developers and increasing team productivity

EXPERIENCE & ACHIEVEMENTS

STUDIO14, Birmingham, United Kingdom · Remote

Senior WordPress Developer | Team Lead

January 2023 – Present

- Spearheaded a team of 6, delivering high-quality, custom WordPress themes and plugins, resulting in a 20% increase in website functionality and performance.
- Implemented WordPress hardening measures, preventing DDoS and brute force attacks, leading to a 30% reduction in security incidents.
- Established CI/CD pipelines, reducing deployment times by 25% and ensuring a 98% uptime across sites.
- Enhanced development workflows by creating reusable blocks and templates, improving development efficiency by 5%.
- Provided proactive support and regular security updates, achieving a 99% client satisfaction rating for uptime and security resilience.

WordPress Developer

May 2021 – December 2022

- Developed custom WordPress themes and plugins, enhancing website functionality and performance.
- Collaborated with design and marketing teams to align development with client objectives, boosting project completion rates by 10%.
- Developed and maintained custom WordPress themes and plugins, enhancing usability and SEO performance by 15%.

BIG CABAL MEDIA, Nigeria · Remote

Senior Software Developer | Team Lead

July 2023 – Present

- Led a major upgrade for Zikoko.com and Techcabal.com, integrating APIs and enhancing UX, resulting in a 15% increase in site engagement metrics.
- Strengthened site security by implementing DDoS and brute force attack defenses, achieving a 95% reduction in vulnerability incidents.
- Established automated CI/CD pipelines, reducing deployment times by 25% and maintaining a 99% success rate in production releases.
- Developed reusable components and templates, reducing project timelines by 20%.

- Collaborated with cross-functional teams to deliver an enhanced user experience, with a 30% increase in positive user feedback.
- Conducted regular security updates, ensuring ongoing resilience against emerging threats and achieving a 98% client satisfaction score for security measures.

Full-Stack Software Developer

May 2022 – June 2023

- Spearheaded the redevelopment of Zikoko (version 3), enhancing user experience with faster load times, improving engagement by 10%.
- Conducted extensive bug fixes and maintenance, improving site reliability and reducing downtime by 15%.
- Worked closely with design, product and content teams to deliver a cohesive experience, achieving a 95% client satisfaction rate.

Techerds, *United Kingdom · Remote*

Software Engineer (Contract)

July 2023 – September 2024

- Built **Navigator International** (navigatorinternational.com) from the ground up, implementing a robust, scalable website structure with ACF Blocks for flexibility.
- Maintained high-profile sites, including **vispring.com** and **islassecas.com**, ensuring stability and performance while optimizing for SEO.
- Created automation workflows using **ConvertKit**, **Monday.com**, and **Zapier**, increasing lead retention by 20%.
- Utilized a diverse skill set across +10 technologies, including Next.js, React.js, and more, to deliver flexible, high-performance solutions for clients.

VC4A, *Netherlands · Remote*

Contract Back-End Developer

January 2023 – April 2023

- Developed CLI commands for database management, improving data accuracy by automating routine tasks and reducing errors by 25%.
- Collaborated effectively with UI and backend teams, facilitating a 20% faster release cycle for new features.

ANDJELLO, *Nigeria · Remote*

Front-End Web Developer

January 2018 – October 2021

- Built responsive front-end applications, increasing user satisfaction scores by 40% through seamless design and performance improvements.
- Created responsive and user-friendly front-end websites using HTML, CSS, JavaScript, jQuery, React.js, WordPress, and Hubspot.
- Ensured top-notch website integrity and security, leading to a 30% decrease in reported issues.

HOVERGENIE, *Nigeria · Remote*

Web Developer

October 2016 – December 2017

- Delivered fully functional websites with CMS integrations (WordPress, Joomla, OpenCart, Drupal) based on custom designs, achieving a 100% increase in traffic within six months.
- Converted Figma, XD, and Photoshop designs into responsive web pages, maintaining a 95% cross-browser compatibility rate.
- Led project teams, managing tasks and client communications, resulting in a 98% project completion rate on time.

EDUCATION

Federal University of Technology, Akure, Ondo

Bachelors of Technology in Mathematical Sciences, March 2017

CERTIFICATIONS

- Google Technical Support Professional - Coursera
- AlcwithGoogle Web Beginner Class - AndelaLearning Community
- Growth Driven Design - HubSpot
- Advanced CSS3 Selectors and HTML5 Elements - Allison.com

PROJECTS

TC Insights : Developed a comprehensive data platform providing intelligence for Africa's digital economy, helping stakeholders make informed decisions and increasing site reliability by 20%. [Link](#)

TechCabal: Maintained and optimized Africa's leading tech media site, managing a transition from template-based to Gutenberg-based structure, improving content flexibility and SEO by 15%. [Link](#)

Zikoko: Developed and optimized this platform for Nigerian youth culture, enhancing performance to support 15k daily users and increasing engagement metrics by 10%. [Link](#)

Relondon: Developed a multi-user registration system with dashboards for SMEs, investors, and public officials, resulting in a 25% increase in SME sign-ups. [Link](#)

Sandwell Business Growth: Developed a business growth platform for Sandwell Council, with metrics tracking for local businesses, improving access to resources and boosting user retention by 20%. [Link](#)

Navigator International: Built this site using ACF blocks and set up CI/CD pipelines with Bitbucket, deploying to WP Engine for seamless hosting and updates. [Link](#)

Audioteria: Created an e-commerce backend integrated with WooCommerce and Stripe, also serving as the backend for iOS and android apps using WordPress REST API. [Link](#)

Equal Measures 2030: Built a gender equality-focused website with WordPress REST API, improving information accessibility and user engagement by 15%. [Link](#)

SKILLS

- **Programming Languages:** JavaScript (ES6, React, Angular, Redux, Webpack, Gulp), PHP, SQL (PostgreSQL, MySQL)
- **Web Technologies:** HTML, CSS (SASS), JSON, AJAX
- **Development Tools:** Git, CI/CD, SVN, Composer, NPM/Yarn, PHPUnit, Jest, Agile Software Development
- **Cloud Services:** AWS, GCP, Azure, Digital Ocean
- **Design:** UX Design, Figma, Adobe XD/Photoshop, Invision