

lewis thompson

staff engineer



With over 12 years of experience in backend development, I work as a Staff Engineer with a strong focus on building scalable and efficient systems. My core expertise sits in PHP and JavaScript, particularly Laravel and Vue.js, with broader experience across CMS platforms including WordPress.

I have worked across agency environments and direct client collaborations, consistently delivering high-quality web solutions. Alongside my technical work, I contribute to line management and mentoring, and I care about helping the people around me grow as much as I do about the code we ship.

personal info

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skills

Team Leadership & Mentoring
Sprint Planning & Retrospectives
Jira (Agile/Scrum workflows)
Code Reviews & QA
PHP
Laravel
Javascript
Vue.js
AWS Ecosystem
DevOps
Version Control (GIT)
API Integration & Development
Email & Domain Management
WordPress
Tailwind CSS

interests

Photography
Adventuring
Museums
Driving
Plants
Socialising with friends
Collecting Funko Pops
Technology
Discovering new TV shows
Avid movie fan
The excitement of a parcel delivery

experience

July 2022 – Present

Effect Digital
Staff Engineer

Combining deep Laravel expertise with technical leadership through mentoring, managing, and driving engineering standards.

Leadership Responsibilities

Line managing multiple developers; running 1:1s and appraisals
Mentoring developers and supporting technical growth
Leading sprint planning and retrospectives
Driving best practices across the backend team

Development Responsibilities

Lead developer on high-impact projects, including SaaS platforms
Building, maintaining, and upgrading scalable Laravel applications
Designing and building APIs and backend architecture
Integrating third-party APIs and services
Experienced with AWS (S3, EC2, Lambda, SQS, Cognito, CloudFront)
Leveraging AI tools to streamline development workflows, improve documentation, and support technical decision-making
Consistent in delivering clean, testable, and maintainable code
Performing code reviews and ensuring high-quality standards
Competent using Jira for sprint planning and task management
Building dynamic front-end features with JavaScript and Vue.js

July 2016 – July 2022

Hush Digital
Full Stack Developer

Developing bespoke Laravel and WordPress solutions for clients in both the public and private sectors in a digital agency.

Key Responsibilities

Working on project briefs/ writing full project costings.
Key systems created in Laravel: Intranets, Booking Systems, Recruitment Systems, Bidding Systems and eCommerce just to name a few.
Creating bespoke themes and plugins for WordPress tailored to the clients specific needs.
Launching websites & Working on legacy and unfamiliar websites.
Domains & Server Management, using Digital Ocean for Laravel solutions and cPanel for WordPress solutions.
Working with and integrating many different API's and payment gateways.
Mentoring and reviewing junior developers code.
Managing my own workload and working to tight deadlines.
Using a support ticketing system and distributing support tickets to co-workers.
Managing Emails - Google Workspace, Microsoft 365, cPanel.

October 2015 - July 2016

Distance Learning College and Training
Web Developer

An inhouse web developer for a distance learning college working in the full web life cycle from design, conversion to development and testing.

education

2012 - 2015

Teesside University
First Class Honours Degree in BA Hons Web and Multimedia

2010 - 2012

Middlesbrough College
Level 3 BTEC in Software Development - D*D*D*
NCFE Level 2 Enterprise Skills

2005 - 2010

St David's R.C Technology College (Trinity Catholic College)
GCSE's 10 A - C's Including Math's, English, and Science