

Nathaniel Gibbs

Lead PHP Developer

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SUMMARY

Lead PHP Developer with six years building secure, high-volume **web applications** and custom CMS solutions in LAMP environments. Brings hands-on depth across PHP, WordPress, **Joomla 2.5/3.x**, Moodle, MySQL, JavaScript, jQuery, HTML5, XHTML, CSS, Bootstrap, AJAX, JSON, XML, SOAP, RESTful web services, API integration, and **payment gateways**. Leads delivery of maintainable MVC applications supporting millions of user interactions across desktop and mobile platforms. Combines performance tuning, **web security**, SEO, accessibility, browser compatibility, testing, and production support with practical team leadership. Trusted by design, content, QA, operations, and client partners to turn ambiguous requirements into reliable releases, useful documentation, and clear decisions. Eager to bring this blend of technical ownership, empathy, and delivery discipline to Redwood Harbor Digital.

EXPERIENCE

Lead PHP Developer

Pinecrest Learning Systems 📅 January 2024 - Present 📍 Durham, North Carolina

Technical owner for WordPress, Joomla, and Moodle platforms supporting course delivery, account management, and high-volume learner traffic. Leads multidisciplinary releases, architecture decisions, production support, developer mentoring, and documentation for secure services used across desktop and mobile channels.

- Led **WordPress**, **Joomla**, and Moodle development for course delivery and account workflows, supporting millions of monthly requests without interrupting active learning.
- Reworked **PHP** MVC services, MySQL indexes, joins, and query paths behind enrollment and catalog workflows, improving peak-load stability and operational confidence.
- Directed RESTful and SOAP integrations, payment gateways, **JSON** payloads, and **XML** exchanges with validation and logging that shortened production diagnosis.
- Established jQuery, AJAX, and Bootstrap patterns for **partial page updates**, responsive layouts, and consistent behavior across Chrome, Safari, Firefox, and Edge.
- Coordinated Scrum and Kanban delivery through JIRA, Confluence, code reviews, test planning, and release notes, keeping design, content, QA, and operations aligned.
- Authored deployment runbooks, maintenance manuals, and incident reports while mentoring four developers on PHP security, HTML, CSS, SEO, and testable code.

Senior PHP Developer

Blue Oak Commerce Group 📅 June 2021 - December 2023 📍 Charlotte, North Carolina

Senior contributor for retail and membership platforms running on Linux, Apache, MySQL, and PHP. Owned custom CMS components, commerce integrations, responsive interfaces, database performance work, technical documentation, and delivery coordination across engineering and business partners.

- Delivered custom WordPress and Joomla components, **modules**, and **plugins** for retail and membership sites, giving content teams flexible publishing workflows.
- Replaced synchronous checkout interactions with **jQuery** and AJAX workflows plus graceful fallbacks, reducing support issues during high-volume promotions.
- Optimized **MySQL** indexes, joins, and application caching for product, customer, and order queries, providing predictable response times during campaign launches.
- Built RESTful APIs and SOAP adapters for inventory, customer, and payment partners, documenting JSON, XML, XHTML, and standards-based error handling.
- Implemented responsive HTML5, CSS, and Bootstrap layouts with **mobile** and **desktop** refinements, resolving UI defects through cross-browser testing.
- Supported Scrum planning, JIRA triage, Confluence knowledge pages, and peer reviews; contributed AngularJS and NodeJS prototypes that informed modernization choices.

PHP Web Developer

CivicBridge Web Studio 📅 July 2020 - May 2021 📍 Greensboro, North Carolina

PHP developer supporting nonprofit, education, and small-business websites in a LAMP environment. Built CMS features, client integrations, responsive interfaces, SEO improvements, and maintenance documentation while partnering with senior developers and client stakeholders.

- Developed PHP websites and CMS features in Linux, Apache, MySQL, and PHP environments, translating documented requirements into dependable client releases.
- Configured WordPress themes, Joomla extensions, and reusable PHP modules, shortening handoff time for content administrators and simplifying maintenance.

- Created jQuery form validation, **AJAX** search, and partial-page updates that improved usability across **mobile** screens and varied browser behavior.
- Connected client sites with **RESTful services** and payment gateways using JSON and XML, adding server-side validation and clear maintenance notes.
- Tuned MySQL queries and reviewed **Apache** and PHP logs to isolate slow pages, failed requests, and configuration defects before client demonstrations.
- Applied on-page SEO, semantic HTML5, **CSS** standards, and **Bootstrap** conventions; recorded fixes and release status in JIRA and Confluence.

PROJECTS

Learner Commerce Integration 📅 2024

Connected enrollment, catalog, payment gateway, RESTful, and SOAP workflows through secure PHP services. Focus stayed on reliable transactions, clear logging, and uninterrupted access for active learners.

Responsive CMS Component Library 📅 2022

Created reusable WordPress and Joomla components with Bootstrap, HTML5, CSS, jQuery, AJAX, JSON, and browser testing. Shared patterns gave content teams faster publishing and developers cleaner maintenance paths.

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Dean's List, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, 2019
- Senior Web Application Project Showcase Finalist, 2020
- Outstanding Computing Practicum Award, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, 2020

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems

University of North Carolina at Greensboro 🎓 GPA: 3.7 📅 2020 📍 Greensboro, North Carolina

Coursework: PHP programming, Database systems, Web application development, Systems analysis

CERTIFICATIONS

- PHP Development Fundamentals, Zend by Perforce 📅 2022
- Advanced WordPress Development, LinkedIn Learning 📅 2021
- JavaScript and jQuery Essentials, Coursera 📅 2021

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **PHP and CMS:** PHP, WordPress, Joomla 2.5/3.x, Moodle
- **LAMP Stack:** Linux, Apache, MySQL, PHP
- **Frontend Development:** JavaScript, jQuery, HTML5, XHTML
- **Web Styling:** CSS, Bootstrap, Responsive Design
- **Asynchronous Interfaces:** AJAX, jQuery, Partial Page Updates
- **Data Formats:** JSON, XML, XHTML
- **Web Services:** SOAP, RESTful Services, API Integration
- **Commerce Integrations:** Payment Gateways, Checkout Workflows, Transaction Validation
- **Application Architecture:** MVC, PHP Frameworks, Modular Components
- **Database Engineering:** MySQL, Query Optimization, Indexes
- **JavaScript Platforms:** AngularJS, NodeJS, JavaScript Frameworks
- **Delivery Platforms:** Desktop Web, Mobile Web, Cross-Browser Compatibility
- **Development Methods:** Agile, Scrum, Kanban
- **Delivery Tools:** JIRA, Confluence, Version Control
- **Web Quality:** Web Security, SEO, Web Standards

SKILLS

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| • PHP | • LAMP | • MVC | • AngularJS |
| • WordPress | • Linux | • JavaScript | • NodeJS |
| • Joomla 2.5/3.x | • Apache | • jQuery | • HTML5 |
| • Moodle | • MySQL | • AJAX | |

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Web Development Club Technical Lead, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, 2019 - 2020
- Peer Tutor, Database and Web Programming Courses, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, 2018 - 2020
- Volunteer CMS Maintainer, Greensboro Community Technology Initiative, 2019 - 2020

LANGUAGES

- English (Native)
- Spanish (Intermediate)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Work Status : Authorized to work in United States. No sponsorship required.

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST