Lauren Kozeny

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I'm a full stack developer with eight years of experience translating UI/UX wireframes and project requirements into pixel-perfect, performant, standards-compliant code. I'm passionate about building applications that are elegantly written, fully accessible, and beautifully executed.

EXPERIENCE

Thoughtprocess Interactive, Front-end Developer — *St. Charles, MO*

October 2020 - Present

I am primarily responsible for the front-end development portion of many longer-term WordPress, Shopify, and Sylius projects. Most of my time is spent writing JS, CSS and PHP. I also handle maintenance and modernization for legacy sites built on a custom ecommerce CMS. Lastly, I am also responsible for estimating the level of effort for new projects, spinning up staging sites, handling deployments, reviewing PRs, and doing QA and debugging.

Fruition, Senior WordPress Developer — *Denver, CO*

May 2020 - August 2020

Developed fully-custom WordPress themes using a Twig-based componentized starter theme I created. I was also responsible for maintenance requests for existing client sites, project estimates, handling deployments in our Bedrock and Composer based environments, and mentoring junior developers.

MediaNews Group, Senior WordPress Developer — *Denver, CO*

August 2019 - May 2020

Maintained and built features for the 60+ WordPress sites for the newspapers owned by MNG, as well as a React-based universal dashboard for the GraphQL databases. Worked on an Agile team handling requests from journalists with an emphasis on scalability, accessibility, and compliance. Led the charge to convert the sites to the latest WordPress release that supported the native Page Builder.

BLKDG, WordPress Developer — *Denver, CO*

November 2017 - August 2019

I was responsible for turning mockups into custom WordPress themes and plugins, occasionally using Vue or React as a front-end for the WordPress REST API. I often integrated sites with third party APIs like Salesforce or Instagram. I worked closely with designers to build out beautiful and interactive UX components while writing clean code that was mobile-first, performance focused, accessible, and SEO friendly.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

PHP
HTML5
CSS3
Sass/Scss
JavaScript and jQuery
Twig
Vue / Vuex
React
WordPress
Shopify / Liquid
Sylius
Git
NPM
Composer
Gulp
WP-CLI
MYSQL
GraphQL
$Bash
Sketch
Photoshop
Figma
New Relic Certified

EDUCATION

University of Missouri Columbia, 2012 — *B.A. English, Business minor*

Fruition, Developer — *Denver, CO*

February 2016 - August 2017

Started as a Web Admin and was promoted to Developer after six months. I built custom WordPress themes, supported dozens of existing sites, and handled security and updates.

· Track record of launching sites on time and under budget
· Responsible for security of over 100 WordPress sites
· Worked with many APIs to integrate third party services seamlessly into client sites
· Focused on client satisfaction when handling support tickets in a communicative and timely manner
· Moved company from mockups to prototyping, presenting clients with a more realistic product to approve and saving on development hours
· Built out content and theming on other PHP based content management systems like Magento, OpenCart and Joomla

Freelance, Front-End Developer — *St. Louis, MO*

June 2013 - February 2016; August 2017 - November 2017

Created custom websites for clients. I worked primarily with WordPress, but also used Shopify and static HTML.

· Built responsive sites and microsites with WordPress and Shopify
· Created custom WordPress plugins and child themes