

Hemant Adhikari

Senior Software Engineer · PHP, WordPress & Full-Stack JavaScript

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Senior software engineer with more than ten years of experience building and running commercial websites and e-commerce platforms. Currently a Senior Software Engineer at EZContacts, a US online eyewear retailer, improving the storefront UI, building enhancements and resolving Jira tickets across its PHP e-commerce platform and its React/Next.js product. Strong in PHP (Laravel, CodeIgniter, CakePHP and WordPress), MySQL and REST APIs, with modern frontends in React.js and Next.js, including headless WordPress. Uses AI coding agents and prompt engineering to build, test and ship faster, with every change reviewed. Comfortable owning work end to end: requirements and estimates, architecture, development, testing, deployment and support, working directly with clients, product owners and QA teams in India, the US, the UK and the UAE.

CORE SKILLS

Languages: PHP, JavaScript (ES2023), TypeScript, SQL, HTML5, CSS3 / Sass

PHP frameworks and CMS: Laravel, CodeIgniter, CakePHP, WordPress (core, themes, plugins, Gutenberg blocks), WooCommerce, Shopify (Liquid, Online Store 2.0), Headless CMS (WordPress REST API), Avada, Divi, WPBakery, Elementor

Frontend: React.js, Next.js (App Router), Redux, Tailwind CSS, Bootstrap, jQuery, Responsive and accessible UI (WCAG)

Backend and APIs: Node.js, Express.js, REST API design, Webhooks, Payment and shipping integrations, AJAX and JSON, Postman

Databases and caching: MySQL / MariaDB, Query optimisation and indexing, Redis, MongoDB (basics)

AI-assisted development: AI coding agents (agentic workflows), Claude Code, Prompt and context engineering, AI-assisted code review, refactoring and testing, Rapid prototyping, Verifying AI-generated code

DevOps and tools: Git, GitHub and Bitbucket, Jira (ticket-based workflow), Linux servers and Nginx / Apache, cPanel and managed hosting, Docker (basics), Composer and npm, Vercel, Chrome DevTools, Figma and Photoshop

Quality and practices: Code reviews, Unit and integration testing (PHPUnit, Jest), Technical SEO, Core Web Vitals, Security best practices (OWASP), Agile / Scrum

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Software Engineer | EZContacts

2024 – Present | Remote

US online retailer of contact lenses, prescription eyewear and designer sunglasses.

- Improve the storefront UI and UX: layouts, product and checkout screens, responsiveness and performance.
- Build enhancements across the PHP e-commerce platform, from front end to back-end logic and database.
- Develop and enhance the company's React/Next.js product: components, screens, UI improvements and fixes.
- Resolve bugs and change requests assigned in Jira, and ship them through review, QA and release.

Senior Software Engineer | A1 Brains Infotech

Jul 2020 – 2024 | Ahmedabad, India

Web development company delivering WordPress and custom websites for clients in India, the UAE, the UK and the US.

- Customise WordPress core, admin and theme components for client websites, using a deep understanding of WordPress internals.
- Built and maintain reusable code libraries that shorten the WordPress development cycle across projects.
- Run wireframe and content reviews with clients, and convert design assets into component-based HTML, CSS and JavaScript.
- Lead projects from requirements and estimates to launch, resolving issues with project managers, developers, QA and customers.

WordPress Developer | Sudo Technologies LLC

Sep 2018 – Jul 2020 | Dehradun, India

- Developed and launched WordPress websites, custom themes and plugins.
- Converted PSD designs into custom WordPress themes.
- Built responsive, mobile-first websites from design concepts.
- Implemented SEO best practices and measured their impact.

Freelance Web Developer | Self-employed (US clients)

Mar 2017 – Sep 2018 | Remote

Independent work for US-based clients alongside my Master's degree.

- Built and maintained WordPress websites, custom themes and plugins for small businesses in the United States.
- Turned PSD designs into responsive, mobile-first templates and handled hosting, launches and ongoing fixes.
- Worked directly with clients across time zones on scope, estimates, feedback and support.

Frontend Developer | Gudik Technologies

Dec 2014 – Mar 2017 | Dehradun, India

- Built features for mobile and desktop using HTML, CSS and JavaScript.
- Customised WordPress admin and theme components.
- Managed projects end to end in a fast-paced environment.

SELECTED PROJECTS

- **HemantInsights** – This site: Next.js + headless WordPress, 15 free developer tools (www.hemantinsights.com)
- **ToolyConvert** – Online tools platform, Next.js + headless WordPress (www.toolyconvert.com)
- **Royal Yachts** – Yacht brokerage, Dubai, WordPress (www.ry.ae)
- **Nucleus Exhibitions** – Exhibition stands, Dubai, WordPress (www.nucleusexhibitions.com)
- **Ace Ventures** – Real estate, Hyderabad, WordPress (www.aceventures.com)
- **Brumley Law Firm** – Legal services, USA, WordPress (www.brumleylawfirm.com)
- **Greenaway Mosaics** – Art studio, UK, WordPress
- **Threads of Harman** – Fashion retail, India, Shopify (threadsofharman.com)
- **Glamour Rose** – Florist and gifting, Dubai, Shopify (glamourrose.net)
- **G4Gift** – Online gifting store, India, e-commerce (g4gift.in)

EDUCATION

Master of Science | DAV PG College, Dehradun

Jul 2017 – Jul 2019

Bachelor of Science | DAV PG College, Dehradun

Jul 2013 – Aug 2016

PROFESSIONAL STRENGTHS

- Estimating work, challenging briefs and documenting technical and functional specifications
- Advising stakeholders on technical approach and deployment, and supporting clients through to resolution
- Respecting NDAs and client confidentiality; following security guidelines and suggesting improvements