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Ivan Odeke

Fullstack Developer · React · Next.js · Node.js · Laravel

Fullstack developer with **4+ years** of experience building production web, mobile and backend systems with React, Next.js, TypeScript, Node.js and PHP Laravel. Strong in REST API design, authentication and role-based access, performance and application security. A background in digital marketing means I build products that are fast, easy to find on search and built to convert. **Innovator of the Year, TekJuice 2025.**

EXPERIENCE

Fullstack Developer · TekJuice Consultancy, Entebbe
May 2025 – Present · Full-time

- Develop, test and maintain backend applications in PHP and Node.js, and responsive front ends in React.
- Design and build management systems with multiple user roles and permission levels.
- Implement authentication (JWT), authorisation and secure handling of client data.
- Work with designers, project managers and developers to ship client projects; named **Innovator of the Year 2025**.

React · Node.js · PHP · MySQL · JWT

Full-Stack Developer · HimFirst Media
Jul 2023 – Present · Remote

- Build and maintain RESTful APIs serving the company's web and mobile platforms.
- Integrate and manage push notifications to increase user engagement.
- Build and optimise backend systems in PHP Laravel and CodeIgniter, improving API response times.

PHP · Laravel · CodeIgniter · Node.js · Push notifications · Agile

Freelance Fullstack Developer & Digital Marketing Consultant
2022 – Present · Remote

- Design and deploy fullstack web applications with React, Node.js and PHP for clients in Uganda and abroad.
- Build and maintain mobile apps with React Native, Swift and Kotlin.
- Develop REST APIs for marketing automation and lead tracking; integrate CRMs and email tools.

Digital Marketing Director (part-time) · Hotel Horizon, Entebbe
Jan 2024 – Present

- Designed and built a responsive, SEO-optimised hotel website; improved speed and Core Web Vitals.
- Ran SEO restructuring and Google Ads: **3× organic search traffic** and **45% more direct bookings**.

SELECTED PROJECTS

ivanodeke.com: portfolio, CMS & invoicing platform
Next.js · Laravel · GitHub Actions

- Static Next.js front end on a Laravel REST API: blog/projects CMS, quote builder with PDF export, invoices and Pesapal payments, admin dashboard (JWT).
- Found and removed a malicious CI workflow that exfiltrated repository secrets; hardened the pipeline (least-privilege tokens, Dependabot, CODEOWNERS) and server (HSTS, CSP, security headers).
- Profiled scroll jank to an always-running WebGL shader; lazy-mounted and paused it off-screen, taking scrolling from **~8 fps to 60 fps**.

SEO management platform
Google Analytics, Search Console, Bing Webmaster Tools and lead management in one dashboard.

VPS reseller dashboard · in development
Low-cost reseller panel for developers: client accounts, email, file management, secure defaults.

SME website chatbot · in development
Answers customers from the business's own data; emails chat transcripts to the owner.

KYC verification system · in development
Replaces manual ID checks with a review and approval workflow; built for clients in Uganda and the UK.

Cross-border P2P payments · in development
Send money across borders straight to a mobile money wallet.

SKILLS

Frontend: React, Next.js, TypeScript, JavaScript (ES6+), Tailwind CSS, GSAP

Backend: Node.js, Express, PHP, Laravel, CodeIgniter, REST APIs, GraphQL

Mobile: React Native, Swift / SwiftUI, Kotlin, push notifications

Data: MySQL, PostgreSQL, MongoDB, Firebase, data modelling

DevOps: Git, GitHub Actions CI/CD, Docker, Linux / VPS, Nginx, Apache

Practices: JWT auth & RBAC, web security, Core Web Vitals, SEO, Agile, code review

EDUCATION

Professional Certificate in Software Engineering
ISBAT University, Entebbe

AWARDS

Innovator of the Year: TekJuice (2025)
Digital Marketing Excellence: Hotel Horizon (2023)