

# Sylvanus Godbless

## WordPress Engineer

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## Professional Summary

Experienced WordPress Engineer with a strong background in building enterprise-level plugins and themes for large-scale web applications serving thousands of users. Highly motivated with 4+ years of experience building secure, scalable, and performant websites. Proven ability to lead teams, mentor junior developers, and deliver projects on time and within budget.

## Skills

- 4+ Years Professional experience and strong expertise in PHP/WordPress development
- Excellent ability to communicate tasks progress on daily/weekly standups.
- Solid knowledge of JavaScript, PHP, WordPress, React JS, responsive design and HTML CSS (SCSS, SASS).
- Experience in developing custom Gutenberg blocks using React.js.
- Experience coding custom WordPress themes and plugins from scratch.
- Previous experience leading a team of 3 engineers including mentoring a junior engineer.
- Strong knowledge of setting up the environment locally, use of version control systems ( Git and GitHub).
- A consistent coding style (using WordPress Coding Standards) and passion for well-organized, clean code.
- Ability to easily adapt with a new codebase.

## Work Experience

### **Snr. WordPress Engineer**

### **AppPresser**

### **Remote**

***August 2023 – Present***

- Write secure, scalable, and easy-to-maintain WordPress solutions using in house engineering best practices and WordPress coding standards.
- Enhancing security in the core AppPresser plugin by executing and implementing rate limiting on certain endpoints.
- Write and maintain technical project documentation including inline code commenting, Git repo readme, and clear commit messages.
- Contributed in migrating the AppPresser App Builder from Ionic Cordova to Ionic Capacitor.
  - Implementing Push notification from Cordova to Capacitor
  - Migrating from Google Analytics to Firebase Analytics
  - Implementing new Splash Screen builder from Cordova to Capacitor
- Built a Visual scraping plugin to migrate data from Articulate to Learndash using jQuery, and Goutte enhancing easy data migration by 45%.

- Developed a custom WordPress activities logger using custom post types and REST API to track and report user actions in real-time, improving site performance and user insights. By 30%.
- Built and extended Gutenberg blocks and Full Site Editing (FSE) features using React, enhancing customizability and user experience in modern WordPress themes.

### **Lead WordPress Engineer**

**Coventi.co**

**Remote**

***August 2022 – September - 2023***

- Conceptualized project idea, splitting project into sprints and task and environmental setup, which led to 50% increase in workflow efficiency.
- Led a team of 3 engineers, assigning and prioritizing tasks.
- Met daily with engineers to identify progress, weakness and blockers.
- Mentored junior developers and provided code reviews to ensure adherence to coding standards and best practices.
- Developed custom WordPress REST API endpoints for data exchange between WordPress and third-party applications, ensuring secure and optimized API performance.
- Reported directly to the CTO and CEO communicating project progress, challenges and and concerns from developers while also strategizing the way forward.
- Developed core functions (utilizing Custom Post Types to create models).
- Integrated Third Party API (API.Video), which powers the streaming engine thereby reducing the required time needed to deliver the project by over 35%.
- Integrated payment gateway efficiently allowing users to make payment from any country.
- Optimized site performance, SEO and integration of CDN, thereby reducing page load time by over 70% from the previous tests.
- Leveraged AI-based tools such as GitHub Copilot to assist in code generation, optimization, and reducing development time.

### **Plugin Developer (Contract) WCFM**

**Remote**

***December 2021 – December 2022***

- Extended core plugin functionality to meet with regular WooCommerce and WordPress updates.
- Wrote Add-ons to make WCFM compatible with other plugins, including an integration with Prodigy API.
- Extended Gravity Form functionality to accommodate minor changes.
- Provided answers to plugin Capabilities and limitations to the support teams.
- Provided answers to clients by identifying problems; researching answers; guiding client through corrective steps
- Issue escalation to the appropriate authorities.

### **WordPress Developer**

**Express Tech Software Services**

**Remote**

***December 2020 – 2021***

- Converted Figma/Sketch design to custom page template, and Shopify theme used on Oceanbottle.co.
- Worked in a team that extended oceanbottle.co payment functionality.
- Developed custom themes and plugins for various clients.

- Extended WCFM, Fiotnet, CF7 plugins to suit customer's needs.
- Ensured final product matches user requested design .
- Debug customer's sites where necessary
- Provided answers to clients by identifying problems; researching answers; guiding client through corrective steps
- Issue escalation to the appropriate authorities

## **Education**

**Bachelor of Theatre**

**Arts 2014**

Niger Delta University