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Application for Lead PHP Developer

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Hiring Manager
Redwood Harbor Digital
Austin, Texas
United States

Dear Hiring Manager,

I am applying for the Lead PHP Developer position at Redwood Harbor Digital. Over six years, I have built and maintained secure PHP applications and custom CMS solutions in LAMP environments. My recent work has centered on WordPress, Joomla, and Moodle platforms, where I have owned backend services, integrations, performance improvements, and releases involving design, content, QA, and operations.

At Pinecrest Learning Systems, I reworked the MVC services and MySQL query paths behind enrollment and catalog workflows. The changes improved peak-load stability for millions of monthly requests without interrupting active courses. I also led REST and SOAP integrations for payment and partner services, adding validation and structured logging that made production issues easier to diagnose. On the frontend, I established jQuery, AJAX, and Bootstrap patterns for partial updates and responsive behavior across Chrome, Safari, Firefox, and Edge.

Earlier, at Blue Oak Commerce Group, I developed custom WordPress and Joomla components, modules, and plugins for retail and membership sites. I optimized indexes, joins, and caching for product and order queries, and replaced synchronous checkout interactions with AJAX workflows that included graceful fallbacks. Across these roles, I have used Git, JIRA, Confluence, Scrum, and Kanban to keep work visible and releases organized. I also write runbooks, maintenance manuals, and release notes so the systems remain understandable after launch.

The role's mix of high-volume PHP development, CMS work, web services, browser-aware interfaces, and practical technical leadership matches how I work best. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss how my experience could help Redwood Harbor Digital deliver reliable applications while turning ambiguous requirements into testable, maintainable solutions.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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