

MEHMET SESEN

LEAD SOFTWARE ENGINEER | TECHNICAL LEAD

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Hands-on Lead Software Engineer and former Head of Development with more than 10 years of commercial experience delivering full-stack web applications and business-critical systems. Independently architected and built Sofa Club's core operations platform, replacing manual workflows with an integrated system used by approximately 100 people. Combines software architecture and hands-on delivery with leadership and mentoring of a four-developer team. Experienced in cloud infrastructure, deployment and ongoing production ownership.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages & frameworks: PHP, Laravel, JavaScript, TypeScript, Node.js, Angular, Vue.js, HTML, CSS

Data, cloud & tooling: MySQL, AWS, Docker, Git, REST APIs, CI/CD, automated testing / TDD

Leadership & delivery: Software architecture, technical direction, mentoring, stakeholder collaboration, end-to-end delivery

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sofa Club | Tech Lead / Lead Developer | Sep 2021 – Present

- Lead and mentor four developers while remaining hands-on with architecture, coding, technical decisions, deployment and maintenance.
- Continue to develop and operate the core Laravel, MySQL and Angular platform underpinning daily business processes for approximately 100 users.
- Own AWS infrastructure, production deployments, security and ongoing platform maintenance.
- Deliver and evolve CRM, showroom point-of-sale, order management, logistics integrations and stock allocation, including in-transit inventory and delivery availability functionality.

Sofa Club | Head of Development | Jul 2018 – Sep 2021

- Personally designed and built the original business operations platform from scratch, replacing manual workflows with a scalable, integrated digital system.
- Managed two developers and led delivery across design, engineering and deployment; later chose to move into a more hands-on technical leadership role.
- Built the platform that remains central to Sofa Club's operations, supporting its growth from an annual revenue target of approximately £500,000 when I joined to a £24 million target in 2026.

Luceco plc | Full-Stack Developer | *Jan 2017 – Jul 2018*

- Designed and built a product image management platform from scratch using Zend Framework 3 and AWS for the Masterplug and Ross brands.
- Enabled retail partners, including Argos and Currys, to log in and download approved product imagery for catalogues and marketing materials.
- Collaborated with fellow developers on commercial web solutions.

Signmax Ltd | Full-Stack Developer | *2013 – 2016*

- Built full-stack websites for clients using PHP, JavaScript, MySQL, HTML and CSS.

INDEPENDENT PROJECT

Okey Champions | Independent Multiplayer Mobile Game | *In development*

Developing a multiplayer mobile game with Defold and Lua, Nakama backend services and a single-instance PostgreSQL database. Responsible for game and backend architecture, match logic, automated bot players, Docker-based deployment and Hetzner cloud infrastructure.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATION

UX Certification | Nielsen Norman Group, 2018

MSc Information Systems (Merit) | City University of London, 2009–2011

BA (Hons) Game Cultures (2:1) | London South Bank University, 2004–2007