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Senior Backend Engineer

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SUMMARY

Senior Backend Engineer with 10+ years of experience designing, building, and operating PHP/Laravel applications. Strong background in API integrations, database engineering, automated testing, CI/CD, production support, and clean architecture. Reliable collaborator and mentor experienced in international, English-speaking teams.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

BACKEND

PHP, Laravel, REST APIs, Python, PHPUnit, TDD, queues, webhooks, integrations

DATABASES

MySQL, PostgreSQL, SQLite, MSSQL; schema design, indexing, query optimization, migrations

FRONTEND

JavaScript, TypeScript, Vue.js, Next.js, HTML/CSS

ENGINEERING

SOLID, clean architecture, code review, refactoring, technical documentation, incident response

DELIVERY & INFRASTRUCTURE

Git, Linux, Docker, Jenkins, GitLab CI/CD, GitHub Actions, Rancher, Kubernetes, cPanel

AI-ASSISTED ENGINEERING

ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini; codebase research, implementation planning, development, and post-implementation review

WORKING HISTORY

Software Developer at PIA Digital Services

Mar 2021 - Present

- Design, develop, test, and deploy business-critical Laravel applications across the full software lifecycle.
- Build resilient middleware integrations with API authentication, payload transformation, webhooks, retries, idempotent processing, and cross-system synchronization.
- Contributed to three major application launches while improving platform stability, scalability, and maintainability.
- Own CI/CD and production deployments across Jenkins, GitLab CI/CD, GitHub Actions, Rancher, Kubernetes, and cPanel, including failure diagnosis and rollback.
- Resolve production incidents through log analysis, root-cause investigation, hotfixes, service restoration, and preventative improvements.
- Mentor developers and guide technical decisions through pull-request reviews, coding standards, collaborative debugging, and architecture discussions.

Full Stack Web Developer at Volvox

Apr 2019 - Feb 2021

Full Stack Web Developer at PTP DIS d.o.o.

Jan 2016 - Mar 2019

SELECTED PROJECTS

Starboard: Laravel social profile aggregator

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- Designed a layered Controller-Service-Repository backend with dependency injection, observers, query scopes, queued jobs, and 95%+ automated test coverage.
- Implemented memory-efficient YouTube monitoring with lazy iteration, staggered queued jobs, caching, and linear-time timestamp filtering.

Alternate History Wiki: AI-generated timelines

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- Built a TypeScript frontend and Laravel API backed by a customized AI agent that generates coherent alternate-history timelines, using AI-assisted development to establish a consistent end-to-end workflow.
- Designed an interconnected wiki experience that links timelines, pages, tags, and historical figures, making AI-generated scenarios easy to explore across related people and events.

EDUCATION

Master of Computer Science

University of Kragujevac

2016 - 2018

Bachelor of Computer Science

University of Kragujevac

2012 - 2015

CERTIFICATIONS

Anthropic

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Oracle Academy

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LinkedIn Learning

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