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Profile

Experienced software engineer with over 13 years in backend and fullstack development. Specializes in Python and Django with additional expertise in TypeScript, DevOps, and system architecture. Known for mentoring junior engineers and leading complex technical projects. Currently based in Lithuania and open to opportunities aligned with the EU Blue Card program.

Skills

Languages & Frameworks: Python: Django, DRF, Graphene; JavaScript & TypeScript: React, Vue.js, jQuery, vanilla.

DevOps & Cloud: Docker, AWS, GCP, GitHub Actions, CircleCI.

Databases: PostgreSQL, MySQL, MongoDB.

Testing & QA: Cypress, Selenium, pytest.

Tooling: pre-commit, mypy, ruff, uv, aider, nix.

Other: Mentorship, team leadership, technical interviews, system design.

Languages

- Russian Native
- English C1 (Advanced)

Work Experience

Convious — Vilnius, 2023 - 2025

Role: Senior Backend Developer, Payments Team

Responsibilities:

- Maintain and develop Payment Service Provider integrations.
- Support data warehouse, reports, and invoice generation.
- Lead a team of engineers, design, specify, and implement backend solutions.
- Provide internal (L3) user support.

Stack: AWS (ECS, Lambda), GitHub Actions, Docker, Python, Django, DRF, PostgreSQL.

Team: PO, 1-3 Data Engineers, 2-4 Backend Engineers, 1 Frontend Engineer

Achievements:

- Built automated PSP report ingestion service.
- Implemented numerous new features in payments split calculator.
- Introduced code quality tools: pre-commit, ruff, mypy, black.
- As development lead, successfully migrated payment provider integration to a new platform.

Vilantis — Vilnius, 2019 - 2022

Accounting CRM Platform (2020-2022)

Role: Tech Lead, Backend Developer

Stack: Django, Wagtail, PostgreSQL, GraphQL, Vue.js, Docker, GCP, CircleCI, Cypress

CircleCi, Cypress

Team: 3 engineers, UX designer, all remote

Achievements:

- Built and launched the platform from scratch.
- Introduced automated integration tests.

Healthcare CRM Platform (2021-2022)

Role: Tech Lead, Backend Developer

Stack: Django, PostgreSQL, GraphQL, Vue.js, Docker, GCP, CircleCI,

Cypress

Team: 2 engineers, UX designer

Achievements:

Built and launched the platform from scratch.

University System (2019-2020)

Role: Senior Developer

Stack: Django, Wagtail, MySQL, Django REST Framework, React, jQuery,

Docker, AWS, CircleCI, Selenium

Team: 3-6 engineers

Achievements:

- Took over and modernized a legacy system.
- Migrated to Python 3.
- Introduced pytest, sprint poker.
- Mentored junior developers.
- Architected and implemented numerous new features.

Internal Expert (Python & Django)

Responsibilities:

- Conduct technical interviews.
- Mentor junior developers.
- Consult on architecture across various company projects.

Trustpilot — Vilnius, 2018 - 2019

Role: Fullstack Developer, Trust & Transparency Team

Stack: AWS (EC2, ECS, Lambda, SNS, SQS, SWF, Redshift), Node.js, TypeScript, C#, React, Angular, MongoDB, Docker

Team: Team Lead, 3 Fullstack Devs, 1 Data Scientist, 1 UX Designer, 1 PM

Achievements:

- Automated C\&D letter processing.
- Integrated Legal tools with 3rd-party systems.
- Co-developed metrics for identifying platform abuse.
- Built reporting dashboard for B2B customers.

Wargaming — Minsk, 2015 - 2018

Python Developer

Responsibilities:

- Maintain authentication services.
- Support QA and Ops teams.

Stack: Python, Django, Docker, MySQL, PostgreSQL

Elixir Developer

Responsibilities:

- Design and build new backend and frontend services.
- Collaborate on API specifications.

Stack: Elixir, Phoenix, React, MySQL, PostgreSQL, Docker

Achievements:

- Built multi-regional schema registry.
- Built internal capacity planning tool.

Integration Framework Co-author

Role: Architect, Backend Developer

Stack: AMQP, JSONSchema, Python

Achievements:

Co-authored protocol specification.

• Developed Python client/server libraries.

• Built prototypes and supported early adopters.

IpOnWeb — Moscow, 2015

Role: Python Developer, IT Department

Stack: Python, Django, Tornado, OpenLDAP

Achievements:

• Implemented custom OAuth 2.0 server with LDAP.

• Built reverse auth proxy in Tornado.

Yandex — Moscow, 2011 - 2015

Role: Python Developer, Intranet Department

Stack: Python, Django, MySQL, MongoDB, Debian Linux

Team: 2-4 developers, 1 PM

Education

MTUCI (Moscow Technical University of Communications and Informatics) — *Moscow, 2007-2012*

Degree: Engineer (Specialist), Automated Systems for Information Processing and Control