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I enjoy creating useful Internet projects, both as work and as a hobby

Tech stack

- My strongest professional skill—PHP
 - And framework of choice is Symfony
 - Got introduced to it on an existing e-commerce platform at Intexsys, used later for replacing legacy email subscription management system with a shiny new one.
 - Used for a new service for retrieving road closures data from various APIs at Mappost.
 - Zurbu, my pet project and technical playground, runs on Symfony as well.
 - Used Laravel at Printify, PATA and Tilt, Zend Framework at Mogo, Slim Framework at Car Rental Gateway.
 - Wrote a standalone library with plugins for Laravel and Yii2 at Printful.
 - In early years, reinvented the wheel by creating my own framework for Zurbu. Who didn't?
- Databases
 - Relational ones like MySQL and PostgreSQL. That's ubiquitous.
 - NoSQL, too: ElasticSearch, Redis, MongoDB...
 - Did anyone say embedded? Zurbu data export is based on SQLite.
- Message queues
 - RabbitMQ. First met at Intexsys, used extensively for creating internal publish-subscribe library at Printful. The latter also included Protobuf serialization.
 - Used PostgreSQL for simpler queues at Zurbu.
- Infrastructure
 - · Docker. Almost everywhere nowadays.
 - Configured Zurbu servers with Ansible.
 - Implemented deployments with Bitbucket Pipelines at Mappost, and GitHub Actions at Zurbu.
- Even though I'm more of a back-end person, I maintain some interest in front-end, too
 - HTML and CSS—often happy to see new features get more green boxes at caniuse.com.
 - JavaScript—less of an expert here but still able to do a thing or two.
- · Stepping out of a comfort zone
 - Used NodeJS for a new microservice at Car Rental Gateway.
 - Wrote some Java code using Spring Framework for a legacy microservice at Printify.
 - Played around with Go for Zurbu.
 - Created a very basic but useful Android app for Zurbu.

Communication

- Migrated existing Mappost codebase from SVN to Git—few simple commands, lots of explaining, introducing Gitflow-based processes, mentoring, and other people skills.
- IT Micro was a small company with lots of integrations. 10 countries, 33 mobile carriers, 10 languages, 19 APIs used for carrier lookups, WAP billing, SMS sending and receiving—apart from technical flexibility, this also required constant external communication.
- Agile, Scrum. Captain Obvious asked me to write this line.
- As a company owner, I am able to work on B2B contracts.

Languages

- I am fluent in English, Russian and Latvian.
- Able to read, write basic texts and hold everyday conversations in German.
- Generally curious about unfamiliar ones. Once even implemented an API integration using documentation in Romanian at Mogo.

Timeline

Jobs	Personal projects	Education
All of them as a back-end developer in Riga, Latvia, unless noted otherwise	An urban-themed play in four acts	Made my first steps in IT at school and Progmeistars, self-taught afterwards

2025	<u>Tilt</u> A transportation management	Zurbu v2 Home for location-based projects Includes data migrated from the first version			
	system				
	PATA A manufacturing ERP				
2023	Car Rental Gateway Tartu, Estonia (hybrid) A car rental aggregator				
2022	<u>Printful</u>				
2021	A print on demand system				
	Mappost A task planning and route optimization system				
2020	<u>Printify</u>				
2019	A print on demand system				
2018	Mogo An international vehicle leasing system		"The Talks on Riga" A well-established		
2017	7 Intexsys		old-school		
	A multi-website US-based e- commerce platform		meeting place for people		
2014	commerce planemi		interested in history and		
2013		Zurbu A moonshot at creating a platform for local history blogs and forums worldwide	development of Riga		
	IT Micro SMS-based quiz and chat games and lotteries				
2010					
2009				University of	
2008	True Vision			<u>University of</u> <u>Latvia</u>	
	front-end			History	
	Corporate websites, online stores	"Riga. History and Sights" A school project on octocentenary of Riga that evolved into a popular history blog, gallery of old maps, and a forum		University of	
2007				<u>Latvia</u> Law	
	freelance			Piga	
2006	front-end, SEO			Riga Secondary School №40	
2005					<u>Progmeistars</u>
2004					Pascal, basics of
2003					programming
2001					
1996					