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

## What I'm good at

### PHP

- Well-versed in **Symfony**:
  - First met on an existing e-commerce platform at **Intexsys**, used later for replacing legacy email subscription management system with a shiny new one.
  - Started a new service for retrieving road closures data from various APIs at **Mappost**.
  - My pet project, **Zurbu v2**, runs on Symfony as well.
- Worked extensively with **Laravel**:
  - At **Printify**,
  - ... and **PATA**—using **Livewire** for a **progressive web app**,
  - ... and **Tilt**—using **Lighthouse** for **GraphQL**.
- Used **Zend Framework** at **Mogo**, and **Slim Framework** at **Car Rental Gateway**.
- Reinvented the wheel by creating own framework in my early years for **Zurbu v1**. Who didn't?
- Wrote a standalone internal publish-subscribe library with plugins for **Laravel** and **Yii2** at **Printful**—including adapters for **Protobuf** serialization and **RabbitMQ** queues.

### Databases and message queues

**PostgreSQL** **MySQL** **ElasticSearch** **Redis** **MongoDB** **SQLite** **RabbitMQ** ...

### Infrastructure

**Docker** **Ansible** **Bitbucket Pipelines** **GitHub Actions** ...

### Maintaining 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 **Node.js** 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**.

Where I learnt it

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