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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
 - First introduced to it on an existing project 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.
 - Placewatch, my pet project and technical playground, runs on Symfony as well.
 - Used Laravel at Printify, 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.
 - o NoSQL, too: ElasticSearch, Redis, MongoDB...
 - Did anyone say embedded? Placewatch 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 Placewatch.
- Infrastructure
 - Docker. Almost everywhere nowadays.
 - Configured Placewatch servers with Ansible.
 - Implemented deployments with Bitbucket Pipelines at Mappost, and GitHub Actions at Placewatch.
- 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 Placewatch.
 - Created a very basic but useful Android app for Placewatch.

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 Russian, Latvian and English.
- 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.

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 Pascal at school and Progmeistars, selftaught afterwards

2023	Car Rental Gateway Tartu, Estonia A car rental aggregator	Placewatch A platform about places that are about			
2022	Printful	to change.			
2021	A print on demand system				
2021	Mappost A task planning and route optimization system				
2020	Printify A print on demand system				
2019					
2018	Mogo An international vehicle leasing system		"The Talks on Riga" A well-established old-school meeting place for		
2017	Intexsys A multi-website US-based e-commerce platform				
2014			people interested in		
2013		<u>Zurbu</u>	history and development		
	IT Micro SMS-based quiz and chat games and lotteries	A moonshot at creating a platform for local history blogs and forums	of Riga.		
2009		worldwide.		University of	
2008	True Vision front-end			<i>Latvia</i> History	
	Corporate websites, online stores	"Riga. History and Sights" A school		University of	
2007	Sities			<u>Latvia</u> Law	
	freelance	project on octocentenary		Riga Secondary	
2006	front-end, SEO	of Riga that evolved into a popular history blog, gallery of old maps, and a forum.		School №40	
2005					<u>Progmeistars</u>
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