

Kingsley Chibueze

PHP BACKEND ENGINEER · FINTECH RAILS · LAGOS, NIGERIA

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PROFILE

PHP backend engineer with 3+ years building fintech rails, end to end payment gateways, double entry ledger systems, fraud and risk engines, and secure APIs across both fiat and crypto. I don't follow patterns blindly – I understand the problem first, then build what actually fits. I've replicated an Instagram style feed ranking algorithm in pure PHP, built crypto custody rails from address generation to settlement, and shipped production auth systems built to hold up under real financial traffic. Based in Lagos, UTC+1.

EXPERIENCE

Senior Application Developer

01/2023 – Present

URBANSERVICEHUB · REMOTE

- Built and owned the backend for a services marketplace – payment flows, auth system, and core domain logic from the ground up.
- Implemented RESTful APIs connecting frontend clients to backend services with clean, well-documented contracts.
- Optimised SQL queries and database schema design, achieving a 30% reduction in query response time.
- Conducted code reviews and enforced engineering standards across the team.
- Collaborated directly with QA and frontend teams to ship reliable, tested features.

Head of Operations / Lead Engineer

2022 – 2026

BUILDHUBB

- Led technical delivery across multiple client projects – from architecture decisions to production deployments.
- Shaped engineering processes and worked directly with founders to ship production software on time.
- Managed a small engineering team across e-commerce platforms, service marketplaces and custom client integrations.

Freelance PHP Developer

12/2021 – 12/2023

VARIOUS CLIENTS

- Built and integrated a full Pystack payment gateway with custom fee logic, webhook verification and idempotent retry handling.
- Designed and shipped a custom CMS for a digital marketing agency – user management, content publishing, and third party API integrations.
- Developed an e-commerce backend with user auth, product catalog, shopping cart and secure payment processing.
- Built an AI chatbot with OpenAI API integration, voice recognition and text-to-speech output from scratch in under 8 hours.
- Implemented security hardening across multiple client projects to protect against common vulnerabilities and ensure data integrity.

NOTABLE PROJECTS

- Double Entry Ledger Engine – built a full accounting ledger in PHP with journals, atomic transfers, balance snapshots and audit trails that stay accurate under load.

- Crypto Custody Rails – on-chain deposit monitoring, ledger posting and confirmation flows for both EVM and non-EVM chains with full custody integrity.
- Instagram Feed Algorithm – replicated content ranking in pure PHP: scoring signals, time decay and real-time personalisation with zero ML dependencies.
- AI Voice Chatbot – OpenAI API integration with live voice recognition and text-to-speech, built and shipped end to end in a single session.

SKILLS & STACK

LANGUAGES

PHP (OOP)

JavaScript

Node.js

SQL

FRAMEWORKS

Laravel

Livewire

Express

Symfony

FINTECH

Paystack

Flutterwave

Mono

Double Entry Ledgers

Fraud & Risk Systems

Idempotency Patterns

DATABASES

MySQL

Redis

MongoDB

TOOLS

Docker

Git

PHPUnit

Postman

Laravel Queues

Laravel Horizon

Laravel Telescope

APIS

RESTful APIs

OpenAI API

Webhook Systems

Crypto APIs

EDUCATION

National Diploma in Computer Science

Mar 2023

Yaba College of Technology, Nigeria

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

2024-present

National Open University, Nigeria

CERTIFICATIONS

HTML, CSS & JavaScript – Alison.com · HTML, CSS & JavaScript – Codecademy

PHP – Aptlearn.com · PHP & MySQL – Alison.com · Node.js – Altschool.com