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A full stack developer with 15+ years experience specialising in Laravel, Vue.js, and the TALL stack, and other open-source tech. Currently building high-availability APIs at scale (1B+ products, 30M+ requests). Strong focus on testable, maintainable code and full ownership from architecture to deployment. Originally from the UK, now based in the beautiful city of Gary, Indiana.

WORK HISTORY

Affiliate.com, *Laravel Developer*   01/2024 – Present | remote, USA

Product search API serving 1B+ affiliate products across 30+ network integrations and 100k merchants.

- Built network adapter system for syncing publisher approval statuses and merchant relationships across affiliate networks.
- Rebuilt metrics dashboards and usage tracking after DynamoDB to SingleStore migration.
- Rewrote Stripe billing system including accounts, trials, metered usage reporting, and subscription management.
- Developed merchant/network data normalisation layer with ACL-based access controls.
- Built LLM pipeline for categorising merchant data to Shopify taxonomy.
- Internal dashboard visualising 30M+ API requests.
- Significantly expanded test coverage using Pest/TDD.
- Full ownership from architecture through production deployment.

Plinqit, *Software Engineer*   02/2023 – 12/2023 | remote, USA

Michigan-based fintech startup whose mission is promoting financial wellness.

- Architected and developed a containerised Laravel REST API for a high yield savings product, integrating with a virtual ledger platform for ACH transactions and manual bank linking
- Implemented KYC verification and Yodlee bank integration for automated account linking
- Integrated with white label virtual ledger platform supporting configurable interest rates and terms per client
- Developed custom HubSpot CRM integration using HubSpot's REST API

Pearson, *Full Stack Developer / DevOps*   05/2017 – 02/2023 | remote, USA
Engineer (Systems Support Analyst)

Pearson, the world's leading learning company.

- Remotely supported an entire fleet of AWS infrastructure, maintaining ~50 websites

- Built tools in many languages around lead generation, including a complete form builder & lead API in Laravel, ES6, Nunjucks, and a prerendering service (Node.js, Express.js, Puppeteer, Lambda, SQS) to convert WordPress sites into static HTML

Forwardslash Consulting Ltd, *Director / Full Stack Developer / DevOps Engineer*   01/2014 – 05/2017 | remote, UK

Worked as a digital nomad through Forwardslash Consulting Ltd in the UK, operating as a full stack web developer, working with clients around the world, including the Dubai, Australia, and Europe, developing single-page websites, bespoke CRM applications, inventory management systems, and everything in between.

Phones4u, *eLearning Consultant / Web Developer*   07/2013 – 08/2014 | Stafford, UK

Developed a series of internal micro sites/applications to help Phones 4u's 5000 retail staff digest daily/weekly/monthly content from leadership, partners, new tech, regulatory info, etc.

The Grossbauer Group, *Web Developer Intern*   08/2011 – 08/2012 | Indiana, USA

Underwent a 12 month international internship as front/backend developer.

EDUCATION

BSc (Hons) International Web Development - Grade 2:1,   2010 – 2013 | Stafford, UK
Staffordshire University, Stafford (UK)

HND Applied Information Technology,   2008 – 2010 | Lichfield, UK
Staffordshire University, Lichfield (UK)

BTEC National Diploma in Applied Information Technology,   2006 – 2008 | Tamworth, UK
Tamworth and Lichfield College, Tamworth (UK)

SKILLS

- PHP 8+, Laravel 12+, Livewire 3, Alpine.js, Tailwind CSS, Vue.js, REST APIs, Pest, TDD, PHPUnit

- AWS (S3, SES, EC2, SQS, Lambda), Docker, Git, GitHub Actions, CI/CD, Agile, Scrum

- OpenAI, LLM Integration, API Design, High Availability, Rate Limiting, Data Normalisation, ETL

- Laravel Horizon, Laravel Nova, Laravel Sanctum, Laravel Cashier, Stripe API, Webhooks

- OpenSearch, Elasticsearch, SingleStore, MySQL, Redis, DynamoDB,

- Linux, Nginx, PHP-FPM, Apache, Bash, DNS, SSL/TLS, SMTP, Server Administration