Senior PHP Backend Developer

Contact Information

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Language Skills	Russian (Native), English (C1), Bulgarian (C1), French (C1)
Recommendations	Upon request

Professional Summary

Highly experienced Senior Backend Developer and WordPress Developer with expertise in PHP, JavaScript, Python, and TypeScript. Proven track record of managing multiple projects, developing high-performance API endpoints, and mentoring teams. Proficient in LAMP and MEAN stacks, ReactJS component development, and AI integration (OpenAI API, LangChain, prompt engineering). Strong focus on delivering scalable, efficient, and AI-powered solutions.

Desired Position

- **Senior Backend Developer**
  - Employment Type: Project work, part-time, full-time
  - Work Schedule: Remote working
  - Travel Time: Any

Key Skills

- **Programming Languages:** PHP 5.4-8.x, JavaScript, Python, TypeScript

- **Methodologies:** TDD, SCRUM, Agile, PSR, SOLID, OOP
- **Frameworks:** Laravel, Symfony, ReactJS
- **Databases:** MySQL, Redis
- **CMS:** WordPress, Joomla, Opencart
- **Stacks:** LAMP, MEAN
- **AI & Machine Learning:** OpenAI API, LangChain, Prompt Engineering, AI Integration, Natural Language Processing, AI-powered Chatbots, AI Content Generation
- **Other Skills:** Git, Node.js, HTML/CSS, Bootstrap, Linux, FreeBSD, Docker, CI/CD, SVN, RabbitMQ, Unit tests

Professional Experience

Senior WordPress Developer at edited.com, UK/Bulgaria (Sep 2023 - now)

- **WordPress Development**: Development and maintenance of company website and internal systems using WordPress, including custom themes and plugins following best practices.
- **Team Collaboration**: Collaborate with design and development teams to create new functionalities and improvements on existing systems.
- **Custom Development**: Develop custom themes, plugins, and functionality with extensive use of WordPress APIs, PHP, MySQL, JavaScript, TypeScript, and React.
- **ReactJS Components**: Create reusable and responsive ReactJS components for dynamic user interfaces, integrating them with WordPress backend for seamless functionality.
- **Performance & Quality**: Optimize website performance, ensure code quality, and implement security best practices and SEO principles.
- **Testing & Troubleshooting**: Conduct thorough testing and debugging to ensure seamless website functionality across multiple devices and browsers, efficiently resolving complex issues.
- **Marketing Integration**: Build marketing campaigns with experience in HubSpot, Google Tag Manager, and Pendo.
- **AI Integration**: Implement AI-powered features using OpenAI API and LangChain for content generation, intelligent automation, and enhanced user experience through prompt engineering and chatbot integration.
- **CI/CD and Best Practices**: Configure Continuous Integration/Continuous Deployment pipelines, introduce code style standards, and manage version control with Git.

Senior Backend Developer at Dev Tactics, Poland/Germany/ USA (Feb 2022 - Sep 2023)

- **Project Management**: Successfully managed and delivered multiple projects, ensuring timely completion and exceeding client expectations.
- **Legacy Code Management**: Improved legacy codebase maintainability by refactoring key components, resulting in significant reduction in bugs.
- **Customer Communication**: Developed and implemented effective communication strategies with clients, leading to substantial increase in customer satisfaction.
- **API Development**: Designed and implemented high-performance API endpoints using PHP, JavaScript, Laravel, Symfony, Python, MySQL, and Redis, achieving notable improvement in API response speed.
- **Key Projects**:
  - **Test Management Tool** (CodeIgniter):
    - Backend: REST API V3 development, OpenAPI documentation with Swagger, webhooks implementation
    - PHP 7 to 8 migration: code validation, testing, and migration of modules including Cassandra adapter
    - Frontend: Charts implementation using FusionCharts, XSS protection and security improvements
  - **Cloud-based API and SaaS Solution**:
    - Bug fixing and support of legacy code for automated data collection
    - Data aggregation from search engines, maps, stock exchanges and other popular resources
    - Microservices architecture using Laravel, Symfony, and Flask frameworks

Senior Backend Developer at Newstatesman Mediagroup, UK/ Bulgaria (Jun 2020 - Feb 2023)

- **Web Development**: Conducted web development using LAMP and MEAN stacks, resulting in significant increase in website performance.
- **Code Reviews**: Performed rigorous code reviews to ensure quality standards, improving overall code quality.
- **Staff Training**: Trained and mentored staff members, enhancing team productivity.

- **Plugin Development**: Developed Drupal and WordPress themes and plugins, including:
  - WordPress plugin for in-article polls using PHP, JavaScript, BigQuery, and permutive.io.
  - WordPress plugin for ad campaigns/content targeting using PHP, TypeScript, permutive.io, Composer, and CarbonFields.
  - WordPress plugin for data display/search/filter using PHP, JavaScript, Mustache, and FastestCache.

Founder at nikita.global

- **Contract Management**: Managed contracts and technical assignments for multiple clients, ensuring high client retention rate.
- **Team Leadership**: Led teams and acted as a backend developer, successfully delivering projects on time and within budget.
- **Project Development**: Developed projects using LAMP and MEAN stacks, including:
  - High-load WordPress project for a Russian rap magazine, achieving substantial increase in traffic.
  - React.js web game for Russian mobile operators, resulting in significant increase in user engagement.
  - React Native mobile app for baby monitoring, with a 4.5-star rating on app stores.
  - React Native mobile app for journalists, improving data collection efficiency.

Education

- **MBA in Marketing**, Cardiff Metropolitan University of Wales, UK (2012)
- **French Language Course**, Institut International de Langues & Affaires, Rambouillet, France (1999, 2000, 2004)
- **Marketing**, All-Russian Academy of Foreign Trade, Moscow (2002)

Certifications

- PHP Developer. Professional Otus (2023)
- Advanced PHP Udemy (2020)
- Learn Git Course (2021)
- Learn TypeScript Course (2021)
- Learn Advanced PHP Programming (2016)
- Front-End JavaScript Frameworks: AngularJS (2016)
- Front-End Web UI Frameworks and Tools (2016)
- HTML, CSS, and JavaScript (2016)

- Multiplatform Mobile App Development with Web Technologies (2016)

Pet projects

- **WordPress community**: WordCamp Speaker (Sofia/2024), plugin developer, translator. Me at wordpress.com
- **ViK bot**: telegram bot, warns people in several Bulgarian cities about upcoming water shortage. Since 2019

Additional Information

- **Two Professions**: Software Developer and International Economics.
- **Hobbies**: Fond of sports and writes articles for media.
- **Driving Experience**: Owns and drives car.

My Links

- GitHub
- Linkedin
- Habr.com
- WordPress.com
- WordPress.tv
- Personal blog nikita.global

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