

# Senior PHP Backend Developer

## Contact Information

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Recommendations	Upon request

## Professional Summary

Highly experienced Senior Backend 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, with a strong focus on delivering scalable and efficient 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](#)
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