Senior PHP Backend Developer

Contact Information

Contact Information	Details
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Language Skills	Russian (Native), English (C1), Bulgarian (C1), French (C1)
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 Backend Developer at edited.com, UK/Bulgaria (Sep 2023 - now)

- **Software Development and Maintenance**: Develops and maintains software for existing applications and new functionalities, ensuring high performance, security, and user-friendliness.
- **Configuration Management**: Creates, preserves, updates, optimizes, documents, and implements software configurations necessary for its operation.
- **Innovation Tracking and Problem Resolution**: Keeps track of innovations in software development, tests them, and assists in investigating and verifying new functionalities and problems.
- **Code Quality and Confidentiality**: Ensures high-quality code, maintains confidentiality when working with sensitive information, and takes care of computer equipment.
- **CI/CD and Best Practices**: Configures Continuous Integration/Continuous Deployment pipelines, introduces code style standards, and abides by in-company bylaws.

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.

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.

Freelance Developer (2009 - 2023)

- **WordPress & Joomla Development**: Created numerous plugins for WordPress and Joomla platforms, including custom payment gateways and delivery systems for WooCommerce, warehouse integrations, and e-commerce solutions.
- **E-commerce Solutions**: Developed payment gateways and delivery systems for WooCommerce, integrated with various warehouses and marketplaces including AliExpress and eBay.
- **Government & Business Projects**: Built websites for government services, dance schools, and implemented access control systems for shopping centers.
- **Data Processing & Automation**: Developed web scrapers and data processing tools for various business needs.
- **Legacy Code Management**: Successfully maintained and modernized numerous legacy projects, ensuring their continued functionality and performance optimization.
- **Security & Malware Protection**: Implemented comprehensive security measures and developed solutions to combat malicious software, ensuring robust protection for client systems and data.
- **Freelance Platforms**: Active experience on Upwork and Toptal, delivering high-quality solutions to international clients while maintaining excellent ratings and client relationships.

- **Project Management**: Successfully delivered multiple projects on time and within budget, ensuring high client satisfaction and retention rates.

Founder at nikita.global (Mar 2018)

- **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

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.

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- [GitHub](#)
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