Hire Me

Hi, I'm Øyvind. I'm a freelance developer and IT consultant based in Oslo, Norway.

I am **currently looking for new projects**. See Section 4 for the details.

1 What I can help you with

Are you working on building something new? Or maybe improving your existing back-end system? Do things move slower than necessary because you don't have enough programmers?

Or maybe things are slow and you're looking to speed it up with newer technologies and smarter solutions?

My specialty is back-end, server-side technology and architecture. I help build scalable and fast cloud-based systems.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you are unsure of what kind of developer you need for your project. If I can't help you myself I can at least steer you in the right direction. I've also gotten to know may other freelancers, independent consultants and designers. Just give me a call or fill out this form.

For examples of what I've done my clients in the past, see past clients and projects.

2 How I preffer to work

I strongly prefer simplicity and strive for it whenever possible.

2.1 Technology

My current language of choice is Go (golang) and I build systems on the Google Cloud Platform.

To be honest, I do not think choosing the "right" technology is very important. Usually, there are many that will do the trick and there are many ways to get the job done. There are, of course, exceptions. But for most projects choosing one technology over another does not give any great advantages.

It is much more important to know your tools and their strengths and weaknesses. That's what I'm achieving by sticking with a few selected technologies. So while it's fun to learn new things and tempting to jump on the latest fashions, it can be harmful to productivity and the goals of the business [1]. I try to counteract this by trying new things on my own time.

Other, important are things, are:

- Finding the right balance between simplicity and sophistication in you architectures

- Understanding the larger picture. What are we making and why?

- Understanding the priorities of the business. Is 99.99% uptime critical? Time-to-market? Or maybe giving yourselvs many chances of succeeding by saving money and taking sane shortcuts.

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[1] The customer does not care what programming language you use or if your running Istio or not. They *might* care how often you deploy

Having said that, there are reasons I choose to work with Go and the Google Cloud Platform. I like Go, both the simplicity of the language and the culture of pragmatism. It's a language very well suited for building back-end servers. Google Cloud Platform also has its strengths. I've always been a fan of their first platform-as-a-service, App Engine. They also seem to have a even stronger focus on pay-for-what-you-use than other cloud providers.

I have experience with many different technologies and programming languages. Especially on the back-end. And, of course, I also know "adjacent" tools used by modern cloud-native deployments, such as: Docker, Kubernetes, Git and CI/CD systems. I've worked with severeal databases and datastores, mainly the Google Cloud native ones: Datastore / Firestore, Storage and Cloud SQL. Outside of GCP I've used MySQL / MariaDB extensivly, PostgreSQL, Redis and SQLite. Lately I've taken an interest in graph databases, especailly Dgraph.

Other past experice includes: several cloud providers and languages such as Python (w/ Django), Perl 5 (w/ Mojolicious), PHP and Ruby (w/ Rails), as well as databases etc.

3   Background

After finishing my MSc in Informatics in 2010 I worked as a back-end developer, and "devops" guy for almost 4 years before I started my own company in 2014.

4   Availability in 2020

I have time for new projects in 2020:

July:	Partly availible for new projects
August:	Partly availible for new projects
September:	Availible for new projects
October:	Availible for new projects
November:	Availible for new projects
December:	Availible for new projects

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5   Contact me

If you think I can help you, or you have any questions, please reach out.

You can email me at hello@oyvindsk.com or use https://oyvindsk.com/contact