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PROFILE

For over 8 years, I've been a backend developer who enjoys solving complex architectural puzzles. My real interest lies in the practical challenge: making systems not just work, but run efficiently and reliably under pressure. I'm always driven to apply these fundamentals to new languages and frameworks, and I'm ready to help a great team build their next product.

EXPERIENCE

- **Independent Consultant** — Self-Employed / Remote
  Backend Developer — *Sept. 2024 - Present*
  - Launched a extension on the official Adobe Commerce marketplace, managing the entire product lifecycle from architecture to deployment and documentation.
  - Concurrently used this time for dedicated professional development, building projects with modern backend technologies to broaden my expertise beyond PHP.

- **MaxServ** — Waalwijk, Netherlands
  Backend Developer (PHP) — *Apr. 2022 - Sept. 2024*
  - Took charge of connecting e-commerce platforms with enterprise systems (SAP, ERP, PIM), ensuring that critical data flowed smoothly through APIs.
  - Made e-commerce sites noticeably faster and more reliable for users by architecting an asynchronous system with RabbitMQ and overhauling the caching strategy with Redis and Varnish.
  - Proactively hunted down and resolved complex performance bugs in production, using tools like XDebug to keep sites stable and responsive during high-traffic events like major sales.

- **Endriven** — Enschede, Netherlands
  Full-stack Developer (PHP + React) — *Oct. 2021 - Apr. 2022*
  - Developed custom modules for Shopware and Magento 2 and built interactive frontends using ReactJS, connecting everything through GraphQL APIs.

- **Webelephant** — Breda, Netherlands
  Backend Developer (PHP) — *Aug. 2018 - Sept. 2021*
  - Guided the complete backend migration of a large e-commerce platform from a legacy system to a modern architecture, all without any downtime.
  - Designed and built RESTful APIs to automatically sync orders and products with major marketplaces like Amazon and Bol.com.

CERTIFICATIONS

- **Adobe Commerce Professional Certification**: Certified in [March, 2022]. Demonstrates expertise in implementing and managing Adobe Commerce solutions.

EDUCATION

- **KdG University of Applied Sciences and Arts** — Antwerp, Belgium
  Bachelor of Applied Science (BASc), Applied Computer Science (Evening) — *Sept. 2022 – Jan. 2024*

- **ROC Da Vinci College** — Dordrecht, Netherlands
  Secondary vocational education, Software Development — *2015 - 2018*

Skills

- **Languages**: PHP, JavaScript/TypeScript, SQL, XML, HTML/CSS

- **Web Technologies**: REST/GraphQL APIs, MySQL, Redis, RabbitMQ, Varnish

- **DevOps**: Docker, Kubernetes, CI/CD, Git, AWS

- **Platforms**: Adobe Commerce (Magento), Shopware, Akeneo

Interests

- **Pursuits**: Creative Writing, Side Projects, Sports and Cultural Exploration

- **Languages**: Fluent in Dutch and English