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PROFILE

Senior Backend Developer with 7+ years of experience in PHP, backend development, and system architecture. Skilled in building scalable APIs, optimizing performance, and troubleshooting under pressure. Known for clear communication and a practical approach, delivering results that matter.

EXPERIENCE

Independent Contractor   Self-Employed / Remote
Back End Developer   *Sept. 2024 – Present*

- Managed the full lifecycle for an Adobe Commerce marketplace extension, from requirements to deployment.
- Automated environment setup and testing workflows, improving reliability and reducing deployment risks.
- Integrated Cypress and MFTF tests into CI pipelines to streamline quality assurance.
- Produced technical documentation and user guides to support onboarding and troubleshooting.
- Applied analytics and A/B testing to validate decisions and optimize code.
- Expanded technical expertise by learning C and x86 assembly for deeper system understanding.

MaxServ   Waalwijk, Netherlands
Back End Developer (PHP)   *Apr. 2022 – Sept. 2024*

- Connected e-commerce platforms with enterprise systems (SAP, ERP, PIM) through API development and database management.
- Designed asynchronous systems with RabbitMQ and optimized caching with Redis and Varnish, achieving 45% faster load times and 99.98% uptime during peak sales.
- Improved performance and scalability for high-traffic sites.
- Contributed to code review, unit testing, and agile project delivery.
- Used analytics tools for rapid issue resolution and minimal downtime.
- Developed documentation and training materials to standardize processes.

Endriven   Enschede, Netherlands
Full-stack Developer (PHP + React)   *Oct. 2021 – Apr. 2022*

- Developed and maintained integrations for Magento 2 and Symfony using industry standards.
- Built frontends with ReactJS and integrated backend services via GraphQL APIs.
- Applied design patterns and agile methods for maintainable, scalable solutions.
- Participated in code review, unit testing, and debugging.
- Collaborated with stakeholders to deliver projects on time and to specification.

Webelephant   Breda, Netherlands
Back End Developer (PHP)   *Aug. 2018 – Sept. 2021*

- Led backend migration of a large e-commerce platform (100,000+ users) to a modern architecture with zero downtime.
- Designed and implemented RESTful APIs for order and product synchronization with marketplaces (Amazon, Bol.com).
- Established containerization best practices for faster, more reliable deployments.
- Standardized documentation for APIs and migration processes, improving onboarding.
- Mentored junior developers, enhancing team code quality and knowledge sharing.

CERTIFICATIONS

Adobe Commerce Professional Developer AD0-E724
Expertise in implementing and managing Adobe Commerce solutions. *Mar. 2022*

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

Programming Languages: PHP, JavaScript, TypeScript, React, SQL, XML, HTML/CSS

Frameworks/Technologies: REST/GraphQL APIs, MySQL, Redis, RabbitMQ, Varnish, Docker, Kubernetes, CI/CD, Git, AWS, Magento, Symfony, Zend

Development Practises: Agile methodologies, project management, code review, unit testing, debugging, requirements analysis, DevOps

System Architecture: Microservices, performance optimization, scalability, system architecture

Soft Skills: Problem-solving, troubleshooting, communication, working under pressure, mentoring, documentation, team delivery

INTERESTS

Pursuits: Creative writing, side projects, sports, and outdoor activities

Languages: Fluent in Dutch and English