



Curriculum Vitae

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Once upon a time, in a tiny neighborhood of a small town called Prizren, a little boy had a dream, to learn, grow and prosper, so that all the knowledge, skills and strengths he would one day gain, will channel them in such a way to make an impact on people's lives, by smoothening their worldly affairs, making them more joyus, and way, way more worthwhile.

That little boy grew up to become a very creative human by action, a programmer by passion, and a Software Engineer by profession. Little did he know that all the dreams he once had, would come to fruition through the nifty lines of code he was set to write...

Programming was my love at first sight back in my teenage years. Then I realized it's actually my calling. I've been writing code since forever, and have accomplished many mission critical engineering tasks in both military and civic environments.

Aside from writing poetry-like code, I have a remarkable personality, who's fun to be around and/or work with. I pride myself on my multicultural background as my solid professional foundation, an open-minded attitude, worldview and perception, and a maniacal dedication to create work of an unparalleled quality.

I wake up from bed with two goals in mind; make a social impact in everything I do, and build outstanding products. I have a personal barometer in me, it says: if you're not doing it better than anyone,



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delivering at par excellence level, then maybe just don't do it at all. When I received the first round of photographs from people in Africa using [Chomoka¹](#), the app I've poured my whole heart and mind into building, I cried. It was [very much worth²](#) the tears.

I'm highly skilled in building the business logic on the back-end. That's the area that appeals to me the most. Whenever part of a team, I try to learn from those more experienced than me, given that they are willing to share. If I happen to be the more experienced one, I give back, train and teach with carefully crafted sentences and tone. People can easily be triggered, especially if they notice a cocky attitude which intends to tell them they're relatively stupid. That's never a nice compliment to receive.

I am a firm believer in Marcus Lemonis' philosophy "People, process, product (mission)." Having led troops on the field for about five years, I can absolutely relate to it. A happy and motivated team is able to make wonders. I'm the guy, or the leader if you will, who knows how and is able to transform a mediocre team into a wondermaking team. Yes.

My name is Arian, and this is my story.

[1] <https://www.chomoka.org>

[2] <https://shortyawards.com/4th-socialgood/digitizing-financial-services-to-serve-low-income-women>



PRO- FILE



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LEDE

Built Software for Fortune 500's

Award-Winning Filmmaker

LANGUAGES

English

Albanian

German

SUMMARY

A highly disciplined, self-managed and self-motivated individual, with military background, detail and result-oriented mindset, and an unmatched perseverance. An artisan of 15 year long journey creating award-winning software, well versed in OOP, Data Patterns, API, Web Services, Mobile and more.

Equipped with team management and leadership skills in diverse multicultural environments, and a proven track record of analytical and problem solving capacity, able to interact with multiple stakeholders at once, ensuring missions are accomplished.

Specialities: PHP, Laravel, JAVA, Android, Flutter, JavaScript, Vue.js



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RIT Kosovo (A.U.K) [<https://www.rit.edu/kosovo/tdi>]

WEB & MOBILE INSTRUCTOR

Feb 2019 - Present | Prishtina, Kosova

I believe in teaching and sharing knowledge, and see it more than merely just a job. To me, it is a calling, which is never constrained by a curriculum, and reaches far beyond the usually boring lecturing norm.

To me it is the ultimate passion, one which I am committed to deliver with an unparalleled zeal. I pledge to give my everything in the empowerment of others, until my soul is detached from my body.

I teach classes and mentor students on JAVA, Android, Dart, Flutter, PHP, Laravel, JavaScript, VueJS, WordPress, and more.

Chyrp - A lightweight blogging engine [<https://github.com/chyrp/chyrp>]

LEAD DEVELOPER

Jan 2010 - Present

Chyrp is a blogging engine designed to be very lightweight while retaining functionality. It is powered by PHP and has very powerful theme and extension engines, so you can personalize it however you want.

Stack: PHP, JavaScript, Ruby



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Hop Studios - Remote [<https://hopstudios.com>]

SENIOR WEB APPLICATION DEVELOPER

Feb 2021 - Feb 2022 | Vancouver, Canada

In an environment where you are expected to do a bit of everything, my responsibilities were manifold; a combination of software engineering, project management, and client relations, amalgamated into one. Mostly tasked with building custom add-ons, to add and extend functionality on ExpressionEngine powered sites. Incited embracing of the development best-practices (PSR, composer, front-end task automation, CI/CD, Docker), served as an in-house tutor to fellow developers, to create an internal culture of delivering high quality Web software.

Created a custom queueable event-driven Notification system, with scheduling support to account for and trigger based on users' timezones, fully integrated with external API services; Mandrill for mail and Twilio for SMS.

Stack: PHP, ExpressionEngine, JavaScript, GitLab, Docker

Chomoka - Remote [<https://chomoka.org>]

LEAD SOFTWARE ENGINEER

Apr 2018 - Feb 2020 | Care Tanzania

I've led the Chomoka project for the first years until the release of the MVP. The first phase of work was focused on getting an MVP out in the field, which would allow us to gather initial user feedback from the terrain, and prepare for scaling up to launch in other African countries.



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After having delivered an MVP, in the second phase my role shifted to leadership/mentor oriented. I was in charge of a full knowledge transfer, tutoring, and for the next year, closely mentored four engineers on the ground (Tanzania), which were responsible to further support and develop the project. Main responsibility was to ensure that they are following the established CI/CD build process we've put in place, coding style guidelines, and the whole release cycle and quality of the product overall.

I built the entire API Backend in Laravel and wrote up to 500+ pages long technical whitepaper, weeks before writing the first line of code, where I documented the findings of a month-long research on the available tools, platforms, and algorithms, to allow us to create a seamless communication protocol between Android app - SMS gateway - backend API. There's no internet coverage in rural Africa.

Stack: PHP, Laravel, JAVA, Android, Dagger2, RxJAVA, Retrofit, API, SMS, CircleCI

Exygy - Remote [<https://exygy.com>]

SENIOR SOFTWARE ENGINEER

Feb 2015 - Jan 2021 | San Francisco, USA

Designed and implemented new features and functionality, coordinated work with clients and created implementation outlines. In charge of foreseeing client needs, and creatively supersede existing tech limitations.

Delivered award-winning work for prominent clients, including but not limited to Intuit, Berkeley Edu, TubeMogul, Care, etc.

Stack: JAVA, Android, PHP, Laravel, WordPress, JavaScript, jQuery



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pinch/zoom - Remote [<https://twitter.com/pinchzoom>]

WEB APPLICATION DEVELOPER

Jan 2012 - Jan 2013 | Seattle WA, USA

Ogilvy Albania & Kosovo - [<https://karrota.wtf/en/home>]

WEB DEVELOPER

Dec 2008 - Jan 2009 | Pristina, Kosovo

Responsible for building websites and web applications for various companies in Kosovo, UK and Albania.

- Built a custom CMS on top of the Codeigniter framework.
- Created functionality via plugins for WordPress & addons for ExpressionEngine

The Vista Forums Podcast - Online

SPEAKER

Nov 2007 - Dec 2008

Suksesi Techmag

CONTRIBUTING WRITER, AUTHOR

Sep 2006 - Jan 2008 | Pristina, Kosovo

Writing and maintaining a blog and printed magazine catered to tech enthusiasts. A focused coverage of Windows, WordPress, Chyrp and how-tos in general.



SPE- CIA- LI- TIES

- PHP, MySQL, HTML/CSS, Javascript (15 years)
- Laravel (10 years)
- Laravel TALL Stack - <https://tallstack.dev> (1 year)
- VueJs (3 years)
- Flutter (2 years)
- JAVA (7 years)
- Android App Development (5 years)
- Project Management (5 years)
- Client Management (10 years)
- Ubuntu Server (5 years)
- Docker (3 years)



EDU- CAT- ION

University for Business and Technology

Master of Science (M.Sc.), Computer Science and Engineering • (2015 - 2016)

University of Vienna

Master of Arts (MA), Science-Technology-Society • (2012 - 2013)

U.S. Army Signal Center of Excellence

Signal Processing • (2011 - 2011)

Military Academy

Lieutenant, Military Sciences • (2005 - 2009)

University for Business and Technology

Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.), Computer Science & Engineering • (2005 - 2008)



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universe, together!**

Thank you!