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● ABOUT ME

Senior backend engineer (PHP / Laravel) with 10+ years owning APIs, data layers, and production systems for teams across Europe—integrations, performance, and cloud-ready delivery.

Deep Laravel, Symfony, PostgreSQL, MySQL, Redis, Docker, and CI/CD; strong testing and architecture. Comfortable with Vue.js and front-end delivery when squads need a senior who can span the stack without diluting backend focus.

● WORK EXPERIENCE

MAR 2025 – JAN 2026

Senior Backend Engineer (PHP / Laravel) / Technical Lead — Proxify AB, Remote

- Led backend delivery for client projects: scalable Laravel/PostgreSQL services, clear integration boundaries, and prioritization under shifting requirements.
- Shipped features end-to-end: REST-style APIs, data access, and service design aligned with client roadmaps and acceptance criteria.
- Improved maintainability with clean architecture, DDD, unit and functional tests, and concise technical documentation.
- Worked with stakeholders and cross-functional teams to scope work, manage trade-offs, and land releases predictably.
- Hardened delivery with Docker, CI/CD, code review, and shared tooling (PhpStorm, Swagger, Git).

SEP 2022 – FEB 2025

Senior PHP Web Developer — TLSContact, Lisbon, Portugal

- Delivered REST APIs exposing core business capabilities to third-party integrators.
- Achieved ~80% database performance improvement through targeted SQL and query optimization.
- Built customer-facing web flows with real-time interaction and custom analytics for operations and product insight.
- Refactored legacy code for clarity, safer change, and faster troubleshooting.
- Drove ~90% application performance gain via caching, response-time work, and alignment with DB tuning.
- Rolled out a microservices architecture: clearer service boundaries, reduced coupling, improved scalability.

AUG 2022 – FEB 2025 (CONSULTING ALONGSIDE FULL-TIME AT TLSCONTACT.)

Senior PHP Consultant – Aubay, Lisbon, Portugal

- Delivered Laravel, Vue.js, Lumen, Postgres, and Redis work for 5+ consulting clients: targeted fixes, performance tuning, and safer integration with legacy systems.
- Turned vague requests into scoped deliverables—short specs, data models, and API sketches—so client teams could approve work before build.
- Hardened production issues: query bottlenecks, cache boundaries, and REST contracts between services and front ends.
- Ran code reviews and technical escalations on client repositories to cut repeat defects and speed up onboarding for their developers.
- Partnered with client PMs and QA on releases, regressions, and handover docs so engagements could continue without constant firefighting.
- Supported knowledge transfer so client developers could maintain shipped features after handover.

DEC 2021 – AUG 2022

Full Stack PHP Web Developer – INBOX Agency, Lisbon, Portugal

- Shipped Laravel, Vue.js, and Svelte features for agency clients with high-traffic news and portal properties.
- Split tightly coupled legacy areas into clearer modules and services so teams could deploy smaller, safer changes.
- Built monitoring and alerting (Sentry plus Laravel/Vue dashboards) that reduced major-client downtime by ~35%—faster detection and fewer surprise outages.
- Tuned caching, queues, and database hot paths for breaking-news spikes; documented runbooks so on-call was not guessing.

JUL 2020 – NOV 2021

Project Manager and Lead Developer – Arcocia Tech, Rawalpindi, Pakistan

- Led 15+ PHP/Laravel and Symfony deliveries across health, real estate, entertainment, and HR—estimates, architecture, and hands-on coding.
- Owned sprint planning and stakeholder updates; kept scope visible so parallel client work stayed predictable.
- Standardized Git, deployment checklists, and code review habits so juniors and clients could ship without constant rework.
- Integrated third-party APIs, payment hooks, and CMS-style admin flows where products needed more than CRUD.
- Tracked budgets and timelines against milestones; escalated risks early instead of slipping deadlines quietly.

JUL 2016 – JUN 2020

Web Developer – Schuja GmbH, Essen, Germany

- Built Laravel/Vue.js sites and internal tools for a moving-services company: lead forms, booking flows, and integrations with CRM and logistics partners.
- Delivered 10+ projects from PSD/HTML handoffs to production, including JSON/AJAX endpoints and third-party script hooks.
- Balanced several concurrent builds with clear priorities, QA before release, and rollback plans for risky deploys.
- Profiled and fixed slow pages and heavy forms in PHP and JavaScript; tightened validation to cut support noise.
- Collaborated with non-technical stakeholders—translated business rules into concrete tickets and acceptance tests.

● EDUCATION AND TRAINING

B.Sc. Information Technology — PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi, Pakistan · Feb 2020

High School Diploma — Zamindar Post Graduate College, Gujrat, Pakistan · Sep 2015

● LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): **URDU**

Other language(s): English (Fluent (professional)); German (A1 (CEFR) — learning); Portuguese (A2)

● DIGITAL SKILLS

Backend

PHP, Laravel, MariaDB, MySQL, Redis, PostgreSQL, SQLite, MVC, API, REST API, Microservices, Lumen, CodeIgniter, Symfony, Keycloak, RabbitMQ, Algolia Search, Elasticsearch

Frontend

JavaScript, Vue.js, jQuery, Bootstrap, HTML / CSS, CSS, Ajax, JSON, Vuex, Chart.js, Svelte, Tailwind, SvelteKit, Livewire, Inertia.js, TypeScript

DevOps & tools

VSCoDe, Postman, Git, Jira, Sentry, AWS, Bitbucket, Docker, Swagger, Trello, Vite

Methods

Manual Testing, Automation Testing, Unit Testing, Project Management, Team Leading, Agile

Git, Docker, CI/CD, Postman, Swagger, Vite, Sentry, VSCoDe, PhpStorm, Jira, AWS (basic).

Soft Skills: Mentoring junior developers (5+ years), Agile collaboration, Stakeholder communication, Technical documentation, Cross-functional teamwork

● CERTIFICATIONS

PHP & Laravel

Building Web Applications in PHP (University of Michigan, Coursera); Laravel Additional Security; Laravel Configure, Validate, Authenticate and Authorize; Object-Oriented Programming with PHP; RESTful MVC Architecture

JavaScript

Computational Thinking with JavaScript; Data Manipulation in JavaScript (Coursera); JavaScript, University of Glasgow (Coursera)

DevOps & tools

Docker

Project management

Google Agile Project Management (Coursera)

● HOBBIES AND ACTIVITIES

- Open source & side projects
- Technical reading & developer communities
- Exploring new cities
- Blockchain and cryptocurrency