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ABOUT ME

Backend PHP developer with 6+ years of commercial experience. For the last 2+ years — Lead Backend / DevOps at a product company: Seenday, a photo services marketplace with 900+ sellers and 10,000+ orders per month. Strong in payment logic, integrations, breaking up monoliths and running own infrastructure.

6+ years

of commercial backend development

900+

marketplace sellers

10,000+

orders per month

65,000 lines

migrated from PHP 5.6 to 8.2

10+

external integrations

~70%

fewer production failures

~1 h/day

saved with CI/CD

5

developers hired

PERSONAL QUALITIES

- Ownership: I take a task from idea to production without constant supervision.
- Result-oriented: I finish with a working solution, not just "by the spec".
- Business communication: I turn management goals into technical solutions.
- Mentoring: I onboard new developers quickly.

WORK EXPERIENCE — 6 YEARS 4 MONTHS

Lead Backend PHP Developer / DevOps

June 2024 — October 2026

Marbery · Saint Petersburg

2 years 5 months

CRM, user dashboard and Seenday photo services marketplace: 900+ sellers, 10,000+ orders per month.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Designing and building backend services: authentication, orders, payments, payouts, photo processing.
- Breaking the monolith into services and syncing data between them.
- Integrations with payment systems, OAuth providers and an online cash register.
- Building tools in Python and Go: image processing, Telegram bots, a desktop app for photo exports.
- Infrastructure (Linux, Docker, Nginx, Redis, Centrifugo, GitLab CI/CD) and team leadership: hiring, onboarding, code review.

KEY RESULTS

- Extracted the Seenday ID auth service from the monolith in ~1 week, fully rewrote the auth code and database schema.
- Added OAuth sign-in via 5 providers (T-Bank, MTS, Yandex, Google, VK) plus email sign-in.
- Built the full order lifecycle backend: pricing, payment, callbacks, statuses, partial and full refunds.
- Integrated 4 payment systems (T-Bank, Belassist, Unicorn, WebKassa), issued fiscal receipts via WebKassa.
- Ran money operations for orders and payouts inside transactions to keep data consistent.
- Automated payouts to 900+ sellers: the system calculates amounts and creates draft payments in the bank — half a day to a day saved per cycle.
- Set up data sync between services with Kafka and Debezium (CDC).
- Built image processing services (thousands to tens of thousands of photos a day) and watermarks that avoid the face area.
- Maintained a Go (Fyne) desktop app for photo exports: by export code it fetches a JSON schema via API and sorts photos into result folders and subfolders.
- Completely redesigned the Go app interface.
- Wrote Python scripts for image processing and Telegram bots.
- Deployed self-hosted GitLab and CI/CD with auto-deploy to dev — ~1 hour a day saved.
- Hired and onboarded 5 PHP developers: they started closing tasks on their own in ~3 days.

STACK

PHP 7.4/8.4 Python Go Fyne PostgreSQL MySQL MariaDB Redis Kafka Debezium Docker
GitLab CI/CD Nginx Centrifugo OpenAPI Postman Linux

Web Developer (PHP)

July 2020 — December 2024

Sole proprietor R. S. Gaidarenko · Remote

4 years 6 months

Project work: an SA-MP online game. Built in 2020–2021, then maintained and extended alongside other projects.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Building and maintaining the web part: website, player dashboard, backend and frontend.
- Game server logic in Pawn and Lua.
- Supporting the project for 4+ years, hosting and domain setup.

KEY RESULTS

- Single-handedly built the whole web part: website, player dashboard and API for the game server.
- Integrated payments via Robokassa and YooPay.
- Built a VK bot in PHP to manage a game account right from the chat.

STACK

PHP MySQL JavaScript jQuery HTML5 CSS Pawn Lua VK API

Fullstack Developer / Team Lead

December 2023 — May 2024

Mentors Association (NGO) · Moscow

6 months

Project work: a legacy PHP project.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Developing backend and frontend of a legacy project (PHP, JavaScript, jQuery).
- Modernising the codebase and decomposing the monolith.
- Setting up the development process: environments, GitLab, code review.

KEY RESULTS

- Migrated a legacy project (~65,000 lines) from PHP 5.6 to PHP 8.2.
- Introduced separate dev and production environments instead of editing on production — by my estimate, this prevented ~70% of failures.
- Built a Docker environment, deployed self-hosted GitLab and moved the project to a new server.

STACK

PHP 5.6/8.2 JavaScript jQuery HTML5 CSS Docker GitLab

Backend PHP Developer / Integrator

April 2023 — January 2024

Helpist · Samara

10 months

Project work: integrations for online stores.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Integrating online stores with inventory and CRM systems.
- Building modules and websites on OpenCart, InSales, WooCommerce and Yii2.
- Maintaining and extending a Bitrix24 module.

KEY RESULTS

- Built data sync from MoySklad to InSales.
- Built integrations with RetailCRM.
- Built an API for a Yii2 website.

STACK

PHP 5.6/7.4/8.0 Yii2 MySQL REST API OpenCart InSales WooCommerce Bitrix24

PHP Developer (Yii2)

August 2022 — April 2023

SELLHELP · Moscow

9 months

Project work.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Backend development in PHP 8 and Yii2.
- Frontend work: layout, JavaScript, AJAX.

KEY RESULTS

- Implemented CRUD modules on Yii2.
- Built interactive UI elements in JavaScript with AJAX calls to the backend.

STACK

PHP 8.0 Yii2 MySQL JavaScript AJAX HTML5 CSS

PHP Developer (October CMS)

January 2022 — August 2022

Sells JSC · Tyumen

8 months

Project work, first commercial experience.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Developing and extending features on October CMS.
- Integrating new features into the existing project.

KEY RESULTS

- Wrote October CMS controllers and rendered their data on site pages.

STACK

PHP 7.4 October CMS

RECOMMENDATIONS

Александр обладает обширными знаниями в самых разных технологиях и умеет быстро применять их на практике, подбирая оптимальное решение под конкретную задачу.

Он отличается высокой стрессоустойчивостью: сохраняет спокойствие и продуктивность даже при сжатых сроках и большой нагрузке.

Отдельно хочу отметить его умение работать с задачами, у которых нет подробного описания.

Александр самостоятельно разбирается в контексте, уточняет требования, предлагает варианты решения и доводит работу до результата.

Кроме того, Александр отлично работает в команде: открыт к обсуждению, охотно делится опытом и помогает коллегам. С ним легко и приятно взаимодействовать.

Рекомендую Александра как профессионала, на которого можно положиться в любой ситуации.

Nikita Skopitsev · Frontend Engineer · colleague

Работал вместе с Александром, был в его подчинении. Обсуждали задачи, проходил ревью кода и получал отличную ОС от Саши. Был рад поработать вместе!

Matvey Devyatkh · Backend Developer · reported to me

Очень круто было вместе работать, менторил меня с нуля опыта.

Ruslan Khamidullin · Backend Developer PHP · reported to me

[All recommendations on Setka \(in Russian\) →](#)

SKILLS

Languages	PHP 8, Python, Go, SQL, JavaScript
Frameworks	Yii2, Symfony, Laravel, October CMS, Fyne
Databases and queues	PostgreSQL, MySQL, MariaDB, Redis, Kafka, Debezium (CDC)
API and architecture	REST API, OpenAPI / Swagger, OAuth 2.0, Microservices, WebSocket (Centrifugo)
DevOps	Docker, GitLab CI/CD, Nginx, Linux, Git, Kaspersky Security Center, Gitlab (self-hosted), isp-manager, php-fpm, Centrifugo, Cron
Integrations	T-Bank (Payments), WebKassa, MoySklad, RetailCRM, InSales, Bitrix24, Yandex ID, MTS ID, Google ID, VK ID, T-Bank ID, BelAssist, Unicorn, Robokassa
Tools and team	Postman, Code Review, Hiring and onboarding, Mentoring
Languages	Russian — Native, English — A2

STUDIES AND COURSES

2024	KIT college — Information Systems, Applied Mathematics and Computer Science
2026	GeekBrains — FullStack Developer
2024	Synergy University — Python Developer