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Senior Backend PHP Developer

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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 5 MONTHS

Lead Backend PHP Developer / DevOps

June 2024 — October 2026

2 years 5 months

Marbery · Saint Petersburg

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.
- Building and maintaining tools in Go and Python: a Fyne desktop app for photo exports, image processing, Telegram bots.
- Breaking the monolith into services and syncing data between them.
- Integrations with payment systems, OAuth providers and an online cash register.
- 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.
- 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; completely redesigned its interface.
- 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.
- 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 | Go | Fyne | Python | PostgreSQL | MySQL | MariaDB | Redis | Kafka | Debezium | Docker | GitLab CI/CD | Nginx | Centrifugo | OpenAPI | Postman | Linux

Web Developer (PHP)

July 2020 — December 2024

4 years 6 months

Sole proprietor R. S. Gaidarenko · Remote

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

6 months

Mentors Association (NGO) · Moscow

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

10 months

Helpist · Samara

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

9 months

SELLHELP · Moscow

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

8 months

Sells JSC · Tyumen

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 Devyatykh · 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, SQL, Python, Go, 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