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Backend developer since 2008. Now leading backend at Waxbill.

PHP and Go, Symfony, PostgreSQL and Redis. Went through high-load social networks and an ad network, now building an ERP for an investment holding. I lead the team and still write code.

18+
years in backend development
since 2008

9 years
at PropellerAds on the SSP platform
2016 — 2025

Head of Backend
at Waxbill Technologies, leading teams since 2009
since 2025 · teams since 2009

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Experience

nov 2025 — present

Waxbill Technologies Head of backend development
Internal ERP system for the investment firm DST Global. Architecture, team, code.
php 8.4 · symfony 7.4 · mysql · sphinx · redis · elasticsearch · docker

aug 2016 — oct 2025

PropellerAds Principal web developer
Advertising network. Nine years on the SSP (self-service platform): from a PHP monolith to Go services. Scrum.
go · php 8.3 · symfony 6.4 · postgresql · redis · docker · teamcity · capistrano

apr 2014 — aug 2016

Topface Principal web developer
High-load social network. Monetization: A/B experiments, referral partner program, cohort analysis. Two internal hackathons.
php 7 · redis · zookeeper · elasticsearch · mysql · postgresql · docker

jan — apr 2014

TolkoTolk Web developer, remote
Ad management for VKontakte, ad creation UI.
zend framework 1.9 · mysql

oct 2012 — oct 2013

FotoStrana Principal web developer
High-load social network. Core and advertising: photo albums engine, “boards and pins”, advertising API.
zend framework 1 · mysql · svn

nov 2010 — oct 2012

Nash Rayon → Webcom — Web developer → principal

SMS billing: content sites and a statistics aggregator. Promoted to principal, team of 2. Scrum.

`zend framework 1` `kohana 3` `mysql` `git`

jan — sep 2010

WebDoka — Web developer

Web studio: sites from scratch, client support, specs. ZFConf 2010.

`zend framework 1` `umi.cms` `1c-bitrix`

dec 2008 — jan 2010

BeCost — Senior web developer

Auto parts e-commerce, logistics system (basis of the bachelor's thesis), HelpDesk, interviewing. Team of 4.

`zend framework 1` `mysql` `gentoo` `seo`

apr — aug 2008

SOLVO — Junior programmer, W2A system

Warehouse management systems: XML interfaces, Oracle views.

`oracle` `rhel` `cvs`

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`php 8.4` `symfony 7.4` `go` `javascript` `sql`

data

`postgresql` `mysql` `redis` `elasticsearch` `sphinx` `zookeeper`

infra

`docker` `teamcity` `capistrano` `grafana` `kibana` `git`

team

`leadership` `scrum` `a/b tests` `interviewing`

$ ./education

ITMO University · master's

2010 — 2012 · it & programming faculty

ITMO University · bachelor's

2006 — 2010 · it & programming faculty

oDesk tests

html5 · javascript · php · jquery

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