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PHP CONSULTANT & PRODUCT ENGINEER

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SUMMARY

PHP consultant and product engineer, building software professionally since 2015 (11+ years), from small startups to Fortune 500 companies, across healthcare, fintech, iGaming, entertainment, logistics, and non-profit. I work with founders, CTOs, and product teams who have a PHP application in production and need it to keep growing without falling over. I ask what the business is trying to achieve before I write code, plan in writing, and ship with tests. I have worked in English with clients in the US, Canada, Switzerland, Italy, Montenegro, and the UAE.

WHAT I DO

Build	New products, partner and integration APIs
Modernise	Codebase reviews, modernisation projects
Lead	Senior engineer or tech lead, fractional lead, team enablement

WHAT PEOPLE SAY

“Davor consistently delivers game-changing features that drive real customer and business impact.” Kevin R., Product Manager
“I wholeheartedly recommend Davor to any team looking for a developer who not only writes solid code but also contributes to the bigger picture.” Bartosz P., Staff Backend Engineer · Managed me directly

Full testimonials at davorminchorov.com

EXPERIENCE

Founder · Codysey EdTech (developer education) - Built and run Codysey, a live platform that teaches software engineers to build and maintain long-term software products instead of quick demos, with courses, learning paths, and articles published. - Set the product direction: what to build, what to cut, and the pricing model. - Led and mentored a team of 1 to 2 engineers building the platform, and reviewed their code. - Chose the stack, and set up and run the production infrastructure. Stack: PHP, Laravel, Laravel Cloud, Statamic, React, Next.js, Tailwind CSS, TanStack Query, XState Store, MySQL, Redis, Typesense	Nov 2024 – Present
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Client engagements through Adeva

The 2019 to 2021 part-time contracts ran alongside my role at Quantox.

Senior Back End Engineer · Nonprofit SaaS platform

Aug 2023 – Aug 2026

Client: United States · Adeva · Toptal

- Shipped Workflows to production as primary backend developer, backed by tests. It automates the contact data updates staff were doing by hand. Designed it with the team from product's brief.
- Shipped Company Contacts to production as primary backend developer, so customers can track businesses as donors, not just individuals.
- Cut GitHub Actions build times for a team of 5 to 10 engineers from 30 to 60 minutes to under 10 by splitting the test suite into parallel runs, so merges and deploys moved faster and CI costs dropped.
- Nominated by the product manager for a company values award.
- Fixed critical issues in the import system and investigated support issues reported by end users.
- Proposed coding standards and vertical slice architecture. The team adopted some of the standards.

Stack: PHP, Laravel, MySQL, Redis, Typesense

Senior PHP Developer · iGaming

Jun 2022 – Mar 2023

Client: Montenegro

- Built features, improvements, and bug fixes that helped an iGaming platform launch.
- Built internal packages from scratch for third-party integrations and shared domain logic, so the team reuses them instead of copying the same code and business rules into several places.
- Integrated blockchain and Web3 services so players see their crypto wallet balances in the app.
- Suggested architectural and conceptual improvements to the codebase, and wrote automated tests.

Stack: PHP, Symfony, MariaDB, KeyDB, Docker

Senior Laravel Developer · Healthcare (COVID testing laboratory)

Jan 2022 – Apr 2022

Client: Italy

- Shipped features, improvements, and REST API endpoints to production for the medical web application of a COVID testing laboratory, covered the new endpoints with feature tests, and fixed production bugs.

Stack: PHP, Laravel, MySQL, Docker

PHP Software Engineer · Community social network

Feb 2020 – May 2021

Client: Switzerland · Part-time contract

- Designed and shipped REST and GraphQL API features for a community social network rewritten from scratch. The new platform launched.
- Wrote unit and feature tests using TDD, so the new APIs had tests from day one.
- Designed and built the reusable UI component library, giving the front end one set of building blocks.

Stack: PHP, Laravel, Vue 2, GraphQL, REST, Elasticsearch, MySQL, Redis

PHP Backend Engineer · Financial (fintech)

Jan 2018 – Jun 2019

Client: United States

- Led a team of 3 developers and 2 QA engineers on a REST API that lets banks use the main loan origination flow of a Fortune 500 company's regulated loan application. Planned and split the work and designed the API. The project was on schedule when I handed it over before launch.
- Reported progress and presented delivered work to business analysts and product owners.
- Built features, fixed release and production bugs, and supported production releases on the main application.

Stack: PHP, Laravel, Lumen, MySQL, Docker

Shorter Adeva engagements

PHP Backend Engineer · Employee engagement (Oct 2019 – Mar 2020, Macedonia, part-time): Built new admin panel and REST API features. Laravel.

PHP Engineer · Human resources (Jul 2019 – Oct 2019, United Arab Emirates): Built new features and fixed critical bugs. CakePHP.

Senior PHP Developer · Quantox Technology Macedonia

Dec 2019 – Dec 2021

Entertainment (video platform) · Client: Canada

- Designed and built the REST API behind the redesigned creator upload and publishing tools for a video platform with millions of daily users. The redesign launched after I left.
- Worked directly with the client on scope, requirements, and delivery, and fed back on the designs.
- Fixed release and production bugs so the live platform kept running while the redesign was built, and refactored code for performance and readability.
- Interviewed PHP candidates, reviewed their technical assignments, and mentored interns in the internship program.

Stack: PHP, Percona, Memcached, Elasticsearch

Lead Full Stack PHP Developer · Routyx

Mar 2017 – Dec 2017

Logistics (dispatch ERP)

- Chose the stack and set up the project structure for a delivery and logistics dispatcher ERP and the API for its driver app. Both kept growing on that structure without a rewrite.
- Built ERP features, front-end features, and the mobile app API, and mentored interns in the team's practices.

Stack: PHP, Laravel, Lumen, JavaScript, MySQL, MongoDB, Redis, Docker

Full Stack PHP Developer · New Media Corp.

Apr 2016 – Feb 2017

Media & broadcasting

- Built web applications from scratch as part of a small team, including a live camera monitoring app used during an election, an online video platform, and the front end of the customer panel for a TV-as-a-service platform.
- Mentored two colleagues through code reviews and pairing on their tasks.

Stack: PHP, Laravel, Vue 2, JavaScript, Node.js, MySQL, Redis, Docker

Email marketing · Joined as an intern, hired full-time at the end of the internship

- Built an email marketing web application from scratch as part of a team, including a real-time customer support chat: features, functional/integration/acceptance tests, and legacy code refactoring.
- Gave internal talks on BEM (CSS naming), real-time notifications with Laravel, Node.js, Redis, and Socket.io, automated testing, and Git workflow. The team adopted the testing practice, the Git workflow, and the real-time stack.

Stack: PHP, Laravel, JavaScript, Node.js, Socket.IO, MySQL, Redis, PHPUnit, Codeception

Earlier experience

Part-Time Consultant · 3P Development (Oct 2017 – Jan 2018, Real estate): Built new features for a small real estate web application. Laravel.

SKILLS

Core	PHP, Laravel, Symfony, MySQL, PostgreSQL, Redis, Elasticsearch, Typesense, Docker, PHPUnit, TDD, REST, GraphQL
Architecture	Software architecture and design, Domain-driven design, Vertical slice architecture, Code refactoring, Database design
Also comfortable with	JavaScript, TypeScript, React, Next.js, Vue.js, Tailwind CSS, Node.js, GitHub Actions, Laravel Cloud, NGINX
Languages	English (professional), Macedonian (native)

TALKS

[Building Maintainable PHP Applications](#) · Talk, PHPSkopje 1 Dec 2023