

Syed Arslan Abid

Backend Team Lead | PHP/Symfony | Golang | Microservices | Delivery

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Profile

Senior Software Engineer and backend team lead with more than 10 years of experience building scalable backend systems, SaaS platforms, APIs, microservice-style applications, and production-grade software for international companies across Europe and the United States. Strong background in PHP 7/8, Symfony-aware development, Laravel, Golang, SQL databases, Redis, Docker, Kubernetes, cloud infrastructure, CI/CD pipelines, RabbitMQ/Kafka-style messaging, API integrations, clean architecture, code reviews, performance optimization, and mentoring developers. Experienced in balancing hands-on development with technical leadership, delivery ownership, team coordination, hiring support, onboarding, and improving engineering standards.

Core Skills

Backend	PHP 7/8, Symfony-aware development, Laravel, Golang, REST APIs, microservices, scalable backend services
Architecture	Clean architecture, DDD/TDD-aware practices, service boundaries, system design, API integrations, performance optimization
Leadership	Team mentoring, code reviews, delivery coordination, technical planning, hiring support, onboarding, stakeholder communication
Infrastructure	Docker, Kubernetes, cloud infrastructure, CI/CD pipelines, Git workflows, production troubleshooting
Data & Messaging	MySQL, PostgreSQL, Redis, query optimization, data modeling, RabbitMQ/Kafka-style messaging, caching

Professional Experience

Senior Software Engineer

HWiTS (Wireless IT Services) - Remote, France / Estonia | Jan 2024 - Present

- Develop and improve SaaS applications, backend services, APIs, integrations, and modern web platforms for European clients.
- Build backend services and product features using PHP/Laravel, Symfony-aware patterns, Golang, Node.js, PostgreSQL, Redis, Docker, Kubernetes-aware workflows, and cloud infrastructure.
- Contribute to architecture discussions, service boundaries, API design, performance improvements, CI/CD workflows, and production reliability.
- Review code, support technical planning, improve documentation, troubleshoot production issues, and guide maintainable implementation decisions.
- Collaborate with distributed product, frontend, QA, DevOps, and engineering teams to deliver reliable business-focused software.

Senior Backend Engineer

UrbanSky - Remote, United States | Sep 2021 - Present

- Work on enterprise platforms supporting operational workflows, integrations, automation, reporting, access-control data, and multi-tenant systems.
- Develop scalable backend services, REST APIs, queue-based workflows, real-time application features, and frontend-facing endpoints.
- Improve platform performance, maintainability, reliability, security awareness, and long-term quality of production systems.
- Support modernization of existing systems by improving service boundaries, refactoring modules, and reducing technical debt.
- Work with Laravel/PHP, Golang, Node.js, Vue.js, MySQL, PostgreSQL, Redis, Docker, AWS, CI/CD workflows, and messaging-style patterns.

Senior Software Engineer & Team Lead

Nextbridge Ltd. - Lahore, Pakistan | Jan 2019 - Aug 2021

- Led development work for SaaS products, business platforms, e-commerce applications, and backend services for international clients.

- Mentored junior and mid-level developers, reviewed code, coordinated delivery, and helped improve engineering standards.
- Built backend and full-stack features using Laravel, Symfony-aware PHP practices, Node.js, Vue.js, React, MySQL, PostgreSQL, Redis, Docker, Jenkins, and AWS.
- Worked on scalable services, integrations, high-volume workflows, deployment pipelines, and production application improvements.

Software Developer - ERP & Medical Systems

IPS USA - Lahore, Pakistan | Mar 2016 - Dec 2018

- Developed backend modules, reporting features, integrations, and database-driven applications for enterprise clients.
- Maintained production ERP and medical software systems with focus on reliability, maintainability, and business workflows.

Education

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science - University of Engineering and Technology, Lahore | Aug 2012 - May 2016

Additional Information

- Based in Helsinki, Finland and available for remote full-time opportunities.
- Strong written and spoken English with experience working across international remote teams.
- Strong fit for backend team lead roles involving PHP/Symfony, Golang, microservices, Docker/Kubernetes, CI/CD, messaging systems, architecture ownership, code quality, and team growth.