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Professional Summary

I am a Laravel/PHP Engineer with over 5 years of hands-on experience building stable, scalable, and high-performance web applications and APIs using the Laravel framework and its ecosystem. I specialize in developing enterprise-level SaaS solutions and backend systems, leveraging Laravel's robust tools like Forge, Vapor, Horizon, Octane, Livewire, Nova, Sanctum, Passport, Socialite, Telescope, Envoyer, and more. With extensive experience deploying and managing applications in AWS, I'm highly proficient in provisioning, securing, and scaling cloud infrastructure.

Core Technical Expertise

- **Languages:** PHP (Laravel), JavaScript (Basic use for front-end integrations)
- **Laravel Ecosystem Tools:**
 - **Forge:** Automated server management and deployments
 - **Vapor:** Serverless deployment on AWS
 - **Horizon:** Queuing system for managing jobs
 - **Octane:** High-performance, concurrent PHP
 - **Livewire:** Interactive front-end development with minimal JavaScript
 - **Nova:** Administration panel creation
 - **Sanctum:** API token authentication
 - **Passport:** OAuth2 server implementation

- **Socialite:** Social media authentication integration
 - **Telescope:** Debugging and monitoring tools
 - **Envoyer:** Zero-downtime deployment system
 - **Web Development:** RESTful APIs, MVC architecture, Test-Driven Development (TDD), Design-Driven Development (DDD)
 - **Cloud Infrastructure:** AWS (EC2, S3, ElastiCache, Lambda, RDS, CloudFront, Route 53)
 - **Database:** MySQL, PostgreSQL, Redis
 - **Tools:** Git/GitHub, Postman, VSCode, MAMP/XAMPP
 - **Deployment and CI/CD:** AWS, Laravel Forge, Envoyer, Vapor, GitHub Actions
 - **API Design:** Expert in building and optimizing scalable APIs using Laravel
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Professional Experience

- **Zyleme – *Senior Backend Developer***

May 2024 – Present

At Zyleme, I took full responsibility for the backend development of a platform aimed at creating a seamless ecosystem for developers. The project involved building APIs and complex integrations using Laravel.

Key Achievements:

- Built and deployed a developer ecosystem platform using Laravel, integrated with third-party services using Laravel Passport.
- Deployed the platform on AWS using Laravel Vapor, handling all aspects of cloud management and ensuring high availability.
- Implemented advanced queue management with Laravel Horizon and Octane for performance improvements.

❖ **Smart Print Multi-Concept Ltd – CTO/Lead Developer**

February 2022 – May 2024

At Smart Print Multi-Concept Ltd, I led the backend development of a CRM platform using Laravel. I was responsible for designing and implementing scalable APIs, ensuring robust performance, and managing AWS infrastructure to support the platform's growth.

Key Achievements:

- Led the development of a CRM system with features like invoicing, email marketing, and link-in-bio tools.
- Utilized Laravel's Sanctum for secure API token management and Passport for OAuth2 integration.
- Handled AWS infrastructure management (EC2, RDS, S3, ElastiCache, and more), using Laravel Vapor for serverless deployments and Forge for server management.
- Implemented Telescope for monitoring and debugging and Horizon for queuing jobs in a scalable manner.

❖ **Nebbix – Laravel Backend Developer**

February 2020 – February 2022

I was a key player in the backend development of a cryptocurrency exchange platform at Nebbix. My responsibilities included designing and building the core API using Laravel, integrating secure payment gateways, and managing the AWS infrastructure.

Key Achievements:

- Built the core backend API using Laravel, ensuring high security and performance for cryptocurrency transactions.
- Deployed and managed the entire AWS infrastructure (EC2, S3, CloudFront) using Laravel Forge for automated deployment and scaling.
- Integrated advanced Laravel tools like Passport for OAuth2-based authentication and Horizon for handling large-scale job queues.

❖ Freelancing - *Laravel/PHP Developer*

June 2017 - 2020

During my freelancing career, I specialized in building Laravel-based web applications and APIs for a wide range of clients. I have been responsible for every aspect of development, from architecture and database design to cloud deployment and scaling using AWS.

Key Achievements:

- Designed and developed multiple Laravel applications and REST APIs for various clients.
 - Utilized Laravel tools such as Forge and Envoyer for efficient deployment and management.
 - Integrated third-party services, APIs, and complex authentication systems with Laravel Socialite and Passport.
 - Leveraged Laravel Horizon and Octane to build high-performance, scalable systems.
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Key Projects

- **MySmartCard.co**

A CRM SaaS product I built during my time with Smart Print Multi-Concept Ltd

- **Talka Social App**

A social media platform where content creators are paid per view.

[GitHub](#)

- **Devcamp API**

An online bootcamp platform for instructors to publish and manage courses.

[API Documentation](#)

Open Source Projects

→ Surfpoint - [GitHub](#)

An MVC framework built in PHP, aimed at providing an easy-to-understand structure for beginner developers.

Licenses & Certifications

❖ UDEMY - *Certificate of Completion (JavaScript)*

Issued May 2021 Credential ID: [UC-842168ab-c9ff-46f1-8d09-774f933998b3](#)

Complete JavaScript course by [Jonas Schmedtmann](#) wasn't my first experience with JavaScript. I took it to refresh my skills but it was mind-blowing as it made me feel like I haven't really touched Javascript yet. But in the end, I learned ES6 and lots of JavaScript best practices.

❖ HACKERRANK - *JavaScript (Basic)*

Issued Dec 2021 Credential ID: [6a9a1650a185](#)

Just to test my JavaScript skill I decided to try [Hackerrank](#) JavaScript certification test and it was successful.

❖ TESTDOME - *Laravel (Rating in the Top 25%)*

Issued Dec 2021 Credential ID: [2d5614382c404dbda1532d13958f96f9](#)

I have always been a developer who likes testing my skills so I tried a few more and [TestDome](#) certified me as a top 25% Laravel Developer.

Education

IBML Institute of Computer Science, Uyo - *Diploma in Computer Science*

September 2012 - September 2013

Focused on building a solid foundation in computer science fundamentals, which led to my specialization in backend development using PHP and Laravel.

Soft Skills

- Strong leadership and team management skills, having led backend teams on complex projects.
 - Excellent communication and collaboration abilities, ensuring seamless coordination with frontend and DevOps teams.
 - Proficient at multitasking, problem-solving, and making key decisions to meet deadlines.
 - Focused on continuous learning, keeping up-to-date with the latest Laravel tools and best practices.
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Hobbies

In my spare time, I enjoy contributing to open-source Laravel projects, reading documentation to keep up with the latest trends in PHP and Laravel development, and taking on coding challenges to refine my skills.