Alireza Ghaemitalab

PHP Developer · Backend Architect

Server-Side Architecture · Database Design · API Integration · Frontend Support (React / JS / CSS)

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

PHP developer with 10+ years building server-side systems from the ground up — content-managed platforms, relational database schemas, and the APIs that connect them to everything else. I like understanding how a framework actually works rather than just calling it, which is part of why I recently built a small PHP framework from scratch — router, dependency injection container, database query builder, JWT auth — instead of reaching for Laravel again. Day to day that same instinct shows up as clean schema design, APIs that hold up under real traffic, and enough comfort in React and modern CSS to finish a feature myself when the frontend needs a hand.

CORE SKILLS

Backend & CMS	PHP · Laravel · Symfony-style MVC · Craft CMS · Custom CMS Development · OOP & Design Patterns
Database	MySQL · PostgreSQL · Schema Design · Query Optimization · Migrations
APIs & Integration	REST API Design · Third-Party API Integration · JWT / OAuth
Frontend Support	React · JavaScript (ES6+) · Modern CSS · Tailwind CSS
Tooling	Git · Docker · Linux · CI/CD

KEY PROJECTS

php-micro-framework — From-Scratch PHP Framework (open source)
Hand-built HTTP layer, router, dependency-injection container, PDO-based query builder with migrations, validation, templating engine and JWT auth — no Laravel, Symfony or third-party framework underneath. Built to prove out (to myself as much as anyone) a real understanding of what those frameworks are doing for you. 140 tests, zero static-analysis warnings at PHPStan's strictest level. github.com/alireza-ghaemitalab/php-micro-framework
PHP 8.3 · PSR-7 / PSR-11 / PSR-15 · PDO · JWT · PHPUnit · PHPStan

specialimmigration.com — Immigration Services Website
Built and maintained on Craft CMS with a custom content model for services, case studies and consultation requests; custom PHP templates and modules supporting an editorial workflow for a non-technical content team.
Craft CMS · PHP · MySQL

TreeTrack.ca & EnviroGrid.ca — IoT Monitoring Platforms
Backend architecture, database design and GIS-driven dashboards for two monitoring platforms (tree-health and wildfire-risk), including content-managed sections for each product's public-facing site.
PHP · Laravel · MySQL · REST API · GIS

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Full Stack Engineer — Echo Company AB — Jan 2020 – Present

Backend architecture and REST APIs for enterprise SaaS clients using Node.js and PHP, with day-to-day ownership of schema design and API contracts.

Senior Full Stack Developer — Mojtakhfif, Freelance — May 2018 – 2022

Backend architecture, admin panels and content-managed platforms for web applications; RESTful API design.

Senior PHP / Full Stack Developer — Beroozresani, Freelance — Oct 2010 – 2022

Custom CMS platforms and enterprise web applications built with PHP and Laravel; database design, payment gateway integration, and long-term production maintenance for multiple clients.

Backend Developer — Adsygroup, Freelance — May 2019 – 2022

Node.js backend services and Electron desktop applications with third-party API integrations.

Mobile Application Developer — OTAIR, Freelance — 2021

Cross-platform mobile apps with React Native and REST API integration.

SELECTED ACHIEVEMENTS

- Built a PHP framework completely from scratch — HTTP layer, router, DI container, query builder, JWT auth — to demonstrate real command of framework internals, not just framework usage.
- Delivered CMS-driven platforms translating content and marketing requirements into secure, maintainable backend systems.
- Designed and optimized relational database schemas (MySQL/PostgreSQL) for platforms handling real production traffic.
- Built and consumed REST APIs integrating internal services and third-party providers across multiple products.
- Comfortable enough in React, JavaScript and modern CSS to ship a frontend-facing feature myself, not just hand it off.
- 10+ years of production PHP work across freelance and full-time roles, several spanning years of ongoing maintenance for the same clients.

LANGUAGES

Persian — Native English — Professional Working Proficiency

HOW I WORK

A bit about how I actually work: I like being the person who knows why a query is slow or why a form is silently failing, not just where to Google the error. Most of my career has been freelancing across small teams, which means I've had to get good at picking up someone else's half-finished CMS and making sense of it fast — and at explaining backend decisions to people who aren't developers. I'm looking for a team where the backend gets to be done properly, and where I can still jump into a component or a stylesheet when that's what's actually blocking the release.

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