

George Gkikas

Senior Software Engineer | PHP / Symfony-based Drupal | APIs | Full-Stack Web Development

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Senior Software Engineer with strong experience in PHP-based ecosystems, backend development, API-driven platforms, and full-stack web delivery. Deep hands-on background in Drupal 10/11, with practical Symfony foundation through Drupal architecture and Laravel experience. Experienced in owning complex features end-to-end, contributing to architectural decisions, maintaining data integrity in multilingual enterprise platforms, and applying clean, secure, maintainable engineering practices. Strong fit for product-focused PHP roles where correctness, reliability, security, and delivery ownership matter.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Backend: PHP 8.x, Drupal 10/11, Symfony components, Laravel, Object-Oriented Programming, Dependency Injection, REST/API-oriented development

Frontend: JavaScript, React (two years - 2 projects), Next.js (one year - 1 project), HTML, CSS, Bootstrap, jQuery, Ajax; basic TypeScript familiarity

Databases: MySQL, Oracle SQL; entity modeling, data integrity, multilingual content structures

Quality & Standards: PHPStan, PHPCS, code reviews, static analysis, coding standards, maintainability-focused refactoring

DevOps & Tools: Docker, Git, Composer, NPM, Linux, SSH, cPanel, WHM, Plesk

Security & Architecture: Access control, permission modeling, secure input handling, caching, API design, structured backend services

WORK EXPERIENCE

Netcompany-Intrasoft - Senior Software Engineer (Drupal / PHP) / Dec 2021 - Present

- Design and deliver backend features for large-scale enterprise, R&D, and client-facing digital platforms using PHP, Drupal, Symfony-based components, and modern engineering practices.
- Own complex features end-to-end, from analysis and technical design to implementation, review, release support, and maintenance.
- Build and maintain multilingual Drupal platforms with complex content models, entity references, taxonomies, structured workflows, and strict data integrity requirements.
- Contribute to architectural decisions, custom module design, service-oriented implementation, access control, caching strategy, and platform reliability.
- Apply code quality practices with PHPStan, PHPCS, coding standards, focused reviews, and maintainability-oriented refactoring.
- Collaborate with cross-functional teams and stakeholders on high-visibility European and international platforms; participate in AI-related internal initiatives and practical adoption efforts.

Metropolitan College - Full Stack Web Developer (Laravel / PHP) / Jun 2021 - Jul 2022 & Oct 2022 - Mar 2023

- Developed and maintained PHP/Laravel web applications, covering backend features, frontend integration, and database-driven functionality.
- Supported deployment and server management tasks using SSH and Linux-based environments.

Humanminds - Full Stack Web Developer / Jul 2019 - Dec 2021

- Delivered backend-focused PHP development across Laravel, WordPress, Prestashop, and OpenCart projects.
- Managed hosting, deployment, and production support tasks through cPanel, Plesk, and SSH while supporting client-facing web platforms.

PcBugs - Full Stack Web Developer & Advertising Design / Jul 2017 - Aug 2019

- Developed websites and web applications across frontend and backend layers, while supporting technical operations and client-facing tasks.

SELECTED PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Contributed to multilingual EU and international platforms involving structured content, backend workflows, integrations, and production maintenance.
- Worked on a 24-language EU health platform with evidence-based content, interactive flows, and strict content consistency requirements.
- Participated in the technical development and maintenance of complex platforms across research, healthcare, education, data, and public-sector ecosystems.

RELEVANT STRENGTHS

- Strong PHP engineering background with practical Symfony foundation from Drupal architecture and Laravel projects.
- Comfortable working across backend and frontend layers, with a stronger focus on backend logic, APIs, data modeling, and maintainability.
- Able to operate independently in senior roles, clarify requirements, make pragmatic trade-offs, and deliver production-ready solutions.
- Security-aware engineering approach: access checks, safe input handling, least-privilege permissions, and maintainable architecture.

EDUCATION

BSc (Hons) Computer Science - University of East London | Aug 2019 - Jun 2021

Computer Applications Technician - Multimedia/Web Designer-Developer - IEK AKMH, Piraeus | Sep 2015 - Jul 2017

CERTIFICATIONS, CONFERENCES & AWARDS

- Academic Excellence Award - BSc Computer Science, University of East London (2021).
- Selected seminars: React Introduction, Node.js Introduction, Python I & II, JavaScript with jQuery/Ajax, Web Site Security, WordPress Theming.
- Selected presentations/conferences: Dissertation presentation on PHP employee system; The Evolution of Application Security Post-COVID; InfoCom Security Conference.

LANGUAGES

English: Professional working proficiency