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Solution Architect | High-Load Platforms & Engineering Leadership

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👤 Summary

Solution Architect / Technical Lead with 10+ years of experience in high-load transactional systems, event-driven architecture, backend platforms, and cross-team technical leadership.

Led architecture for platforms handling 3k RPS, 80+ services, 50+ engineers, and 20+ integrations.

🧰 Professional Experience

Lead Solution Architect, Uplatform

07/2020 – 04/2026

Belgrade, Serbia

Full-time remote

Grew from Team Lead owning one service group into Tech Lead (from 2022) and later Lead Solution Architect (from 2023) with platform-wide architectural responsibility.

- Led architecture for business-critical domains: betting, gambling, bonuses, wallet, financial flows, and partner integrations.
- Contributed to architecture decisions for a high-load platform with 80+ services, 50+ active developers, and 20+ external integrations.
- Represented the platform in a group-wide architecture committee and coordinated technical decisions with other companies within the holding group.
- Built and formalized architecture processes: planning, documentation, architecture reviews, design standards, and cross-team technical decision-making.
- Led a cross-functional group of senior specialists across backend, frontend, and infrastructure; participated in hiring, technical interviews, and onboarding.
- Designed and reviewed event-driven, microservice-based, and transactional system flows with a focus on reliability, observability, scalability, and operational safety.
- Supported production incident analysis and architectural hardening of critical platform components.

Tech stack: Go, Kafka, NATS, ClickHouse, PHP, Kubernetes, Docker, Elasticsearch, Nginx, MySQL, Redis, event-driven architecture, microservices, high-load systems, distributed transactions, observability.

Team Lead, KeepCode · Product IT company

09/2023 – 03/2025

Part-time consulting

High-load international projects, 100–1000 employees.

Joined a troubled product as a part-time technical lead to recover delivery, stabilize execution, and reduce operational risks.

- Worked with the Product Owner to refocus the team on business-critical work and helped the project exceed its 2024 business target by more than 1.5x; reference letter available.
- Improved infrastructure collaboration, simplified the system, and led the migration to Kubernetes.
- Improved tracing, metrics, logging, alerting, and team processes, helping the project become a reference example for other teams.

Tech stack: PHP, Laravel, Kubernetes, Linux, PostgreSQL/MySQL, Grafana, Prometheus, DevOps, Nginx, Git.

PHP & Go Developer, Slotegrator · Gaming software company.

- Worked on a large legacy Yii1 monolith in a European engineering team.
- Helped migrate core platform components from the monolith to microservices using newer frameworks.
- Took ownership of security-related backlog items, identified critical vulnerabilities, and improved secure development practices.

Tech stack: PHP, Go, Yii1, Laravel, RabbitMQ, Redis, Docker, Git, information security.

03/2019 – 03/2020
Prague, Czech Republic
Full-time office

Backend developer, ONY Agency · Digital Agency

- Built backend systems for CRMs, promotional websites, Telegram bots, WebSocket services, and interactive web products.
- Worked across PHP, Node.js, JavaScript, React, Linux, and database-backed application development.

Tech stack: PHP, JavaScript, Node.js, React, Linux, databases, Mercurial.

05/2016 – 06/2019
Moscow, Russia
Full-time remote

Web Developer, MAXITOP · Web Development Agency

- Developed and maintained websites and web applications using PHP, MySQL, CMS/CMF platforms, and custom legacy codebases.
- Supported a Yii-based project and maintained multiple client websites.

Tech stack: PHP, MySQL, Linux, Git, OOP.

08/2014 – 01/2016
Krasnodar, Russia
Full-time office

Education

Bachelor degree of Economics, Adyghe State University

2011 – 2015

Bachelor degree of Management, Adyghe State University

2011 – 2015

Core Skills

Architecture

High-load transactional systems, event-driven architecture, microservices, distributed transactions, system design, architecture reviews.

Technical Leadership

Cross-team technical leadership, architecture processes, technical decision-making, hiring, onboarding, mentoring, engineering standards.

Messaging & Integration

Kafka, NATS, RabbitMQ, partner integrations, asynchronous communication, service boundaries, integration reliability.

Infrastructure & Platform

Kubernetes, Docker, Linux, Nginx, CI/CD, deployment processes, infrastructure collaboration.

Backend Engineering

Go, PHP, Symfony, Laravel, APIs, backend services, legacy modernization, production-grade application development.

Databases & Storage

PostgreSQL, MySQL, ClickHouse, Redis, Elasticsearch, data modeling, performance-aware backend design.

Observability & Reliability

Grafana, Prometheus, tracing, logging, alerting, incident analysis, operational reliability, production hardening.

Security-Aware Engineering

Secure architecture, vulnerability analysis, security backlog ownership, pentesting basics, secure development practices.

Languages

English: Intermediate - technical documentation, written communication, international teams, and technical discussions.

Russian: Native