

MICHAŁ BŁOCINSKI

Technical Leader

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PROFILE

Technical Leader with over 8 years of experience in architecting and leading cross-functional teams in the full product lifecycle of Fintech platforms. Proven expertise in defining technical roadmaps, reporting to stakeholders, and making key business and technical decisions. Hands-on expert in PHP 8.3, Symfony, Domain-Driven Design (DDD), Microservices, Kubernetes, and PostgreSQL, seeking to build and scale a new product for the US market.

WORK EXPERIENCE

TECHNICAL LEADER - PEER-TO-PEER LENDING PRODUCT

Fintech company

2021-07 – present

- Defining and executing the complete technical roadmap and leading all key architectural decisions.
- Leading and mentoring a large, cross-functional team of 14 (5 PHP, 2 iOS, 2 Android, 2 Frontend, 1 BA, 1 DM, 1 PM).
- Acting as the primary technical point of contact, reporting directly to business stakeholders and translating business requirements into technical strategy.
- Leading the full product lifecycle alongside the Product Manager.
- Conducting technical interviews, hiring, and mentoring new engineering team members.
- Personally developing and reviewing critical components of the platform.

TECHNOLOGIES: PHP 8.3, Symfony 6.4, PostgreSQL, MySQL, RabbitMQ, k8s, cloud, Docker, Sentry, Graylog, Microservices architecture, Domain-Driven Design (DDD), PHPUnit, Behat (GWT), scrum, agile

SENIOR PHP DEVELOPER

GetResponse

2020-04 – 2021-04

SUMMARY: Developed and maintained systems for a global email marketing leader, with a team focus on identifying and blocking spammers and phishers.

- Architected and developed software using a custom framework built on Symfony components.
- Conducted code reviews and provided technical feedback.
- Translated Product Manager requirements into actionable technical tasks.
- Monitored system performance and wrote new monitoring rules.
- Wrote technical documentation and fixed bugs.
- Architected and rewrote a legacy component into a high-load microservice, using Kubernetes for replication.
- Refactored a legacy JS site to use Laravel's Blade functionality.

TECHNOLOGIES: PHP 7.4, Symfony components, DDD, Kafka, RabbitMQ, MySQL, Unit and functional tests, Laravel, Node.js

PHP DEVELOPER / TEAM ARCHITECT

Traffit

2018-09 – 2020-04

SUMMARY: Developed a backend web application designed to optimize and centralize recruitment processes.

- Led a 4-person team as architect, preparing entity diagrams and acting as the technical liaison with business stakeholders.
- Designed and created software architecture and technical documentation.
- Prepared and delivered presentations on design patterns to the team.
- Developed new features in Symfony and wrote PHPUnit tests.
- Dramatically optimized a complex algorithm, reducing its execution time from 3 hours to 30 minutes.
- Created a monitoring site for external services, packaged as a Symfony bundle.
- Created a complete entity diagram for a large, core application module.

TECHNOLOGIES: PHP 7, Symfony 3.4, RabbitMQ, Elasticsearch, PHPUnit, Redis, Ubuntu, Git, Jira

PHP DEVELOPER

QuantumLab

2018-01 – 2018-08

SUMMARY: Created a customer service dashboard to improve employee service quality. Also built a second project to monitor a fleet of Raspberry Pi devices.

- Created software architecture for new application modules.
- Developed features in Symfony with PHP 7.
- Wrote unit and functional tests.
- Created technical documentation for a full module.
- .Successfully Dockerized a core application module.
- Architected and built a new website from scratch for monitoring Raspberry Pi devices

PHP DEVELOPER / JUNIOR DEVOPS ENGINEER

BlastLab

2016-03 – 2018-01

SUMMARY: Worked on a primary application that managed and monitored network devices, servers, and alarm panels. Also co-developed a Java EE application for mobile notifications.

- Developed multiple applications in PHP (Symfony 2/3) and Java SE/EE.
- Performed Linux server administration (Ubuntu, Debian) in production and test environments.
- Handled production database administration (indexing, migrations).
- Managed DevOps tasks: creating Docker configurations and building CI/CD pipelines in Jenkins.
- Maintained team tools including YouTrack, TeamCity, and UpSource.
- Architected and wrote a proxy application server to handle backward compatibility for a new system architecture.
- Learned and implemented multiple design patterns (Factory, Builder, Singleton).
- Docker'ized several application modules.

TECHNOLOGIES: PHP 5, Symfony 2/3, Java SE/EE, MariaDB, Docker, Jenkins, Ubuntu, Git, YouTrack

PHP INTERN (PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE)

PGS software

2015-07 – 2015-08

SUMMARY: A professional practice focused on building a website for restaurants and learning new technologies.

- Gained foundational experience in Agile/Scrum, Git, the MVC pattern, and the Yii2 framework.

TECHNOLOGIES: Yii2, PHP 5, Git

EDUCATION

Gdansk University of Technology

2013-09 – 2017-01

Engineer's Degree, Applied

Computer Science

- Thesis: Data analysis using Apache Spark with deep learning.
- Awarded Rector's scholarship for academic excellence (top student program).
- Leader and Member of the marketing science club "Buzz".

CERTIFICATIONS

- SmallTalk english certificate B2+
- Anthropic Claude code in action
- Anthropic AI fluency: Framework & Foundations

SKILLS

- PHP 8+ (advanced)
- Symfony (advanced)
- Domain-Driven Design (DDD) (advanced)
- Microservices (advanced)
- Docker / Kubernetes (k8s) (advanced)
- Databases (MySQL, PostgreSQL) (advanced)
- Messaging (RabbitMQ, Kafka) (advanced)
- Testing (PHPUnit, Behat/GWT) (advanced)
- Linux (Ubuntu/Debian) (intermediate)
- HTML, CSS, JS (beginner-intermediate)