

Eric Maag

Senior Backend Engineer · PHP / Symfony · Distributed Systems · EMEA Remote

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\$150K+ annual cost reduction	99.9% uptime, federal systems	95% data recovery, breach	50+ vulns patched, 48 hrs	50K+ products, event pipeline	25+ years engineering
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Senior backend engineer with 25+ years delivering mission-critical infrastructure for federal agencies and global enterprises. PHP/Symfony specialist with deep practice in event-driven microservices, DevOps, and cybersecurity hardening. Track record: \$150K+ annual cost reduction, 99.9% uptime, 95% data recovery from a live breach. Fluent in English, Spanish, and German — a genuine differentiator for DACH and EU public-sector work.

CORE STRENGTHS Infrastructure architecture Distributed systems design Operational resilience Security & incident response Microservices / event-driven DevOps / CI/CD ownership Payment & API integration Engineering leadership	PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE Proxify Member — Senior Backend Engineer CURRENT Feb 2026 – Present · Remote Proxify AB · Stockholm (vetted contractor network) - Admitted to Proxify's senior contractor network; dedicated engagement rate EUR 7,500/month full-time via Deel. - Delivering PHP/Symfony backend development and systems integration for Proxify-sourced client engagements. Backend Developer Dec 2025 – Feb 2026 · Remote CQM Rewards · via Coderland Canarias SLU - PHP/Symfony/MySQL backend development on a Spanish B2B loyalty and rewards platform. - API design and integration with third-party loyalty and payment services; Agile delivery via Jira. Senior Software Developer Jul 2025 – Nov 2025 · Remote Set Europa Innovation Sourcing · Barcelona - Autónomo contract: PHP backend development, REST API design, and systems integration for Set Europa's end client. - Designed post-checkout survey trigger workflow bridging Opera PMS and HubSpot (field mapping, edge-case handling across contacts and deals objects). Freelance Backend Developer Jan 2025 – Mar 2025 · Remote Hike & Foxster - Built hotel management and reservation system from scratch (PHP, MySQL): room inventory, pricing, multi-property booking. - Integrated Opera PMS for real-time sync; built conflict-resolution availability engine ensuring zero double-bookings. Senior Backend Developer Jan 2023 – Feb 2024 · Remote Signal Sports United - Led architecture of event-driven microservices platform (Symfony, RabbitMQ, Redis, MySQL, MongoDB) processing 50,000+ product records across European markets. - Managed 4 senior engineers: hiring, performance reviews, mentorship. CI/CD on Docker, Kubernetes, Bamboo; load times -30%, batch processing -50%. - Delivered ML-based translation hub (DeepL) — manual translation effort -40% across Chain Reaction, Outfitter Teamsport, Internetstores. - Owned Stripe and PayPal payment integrations for multi-brand international e-commerce. Senior Developer Oct 2021 – Jan 2023 · Remote Nuro Media - PHP backend services and REST APIs (Symfony, Doctrine ORM, MySQL/MariaDB); 90%+ defects resolved within SLA. - PHPUnit test automation; legacy architecture refactoring to cut maintenance overhead. Sprint coordination via Jira and Git. Senior Consultant · Hyve May – Jul 2021 · Remote - Full-lifecycle development (requirements to MVP) in international Scrum teams; SOLID/KISS principles throughout. Lead Technology Manager · Innovative Learning Solutions Oct 2020 – Mar 2021 - Full stack ownership: Odoo ERP, Moodle LMS, payment gateway, and security audit. 3-2-1 backup strategy (local, offline, AWS); 99.9% data availability. INDEPENDENT CONSULTING · STATCHEX.DEV · 2006 – PRESENT Federal & enterprise clients: NOAA · US House of Representatives · USDA · DISA · NAVSUP · US EPA · Philippine Embassy · UPI · FINCA International · OIDA · College Goals LLC NOAA — Infrastructure Migration & High Availability - Migrated 12 Drupal subsites across 3 US colocation centers; automated MySQL master/slave replication via Bash; Varnish caching. Result: 99.9% uptime · \$150K+/yr saved · deployment time -20 hrs/site · DR time -65%. International Biochar Initiative — Security Incident Response - Solo crisis response: restored backups, patched 50+ vulnerabilities, upgraded deprecated modules within 48 hours. Result: 95% critical data recovered · attack surface eliminated · system lifespan +3 years.	LANGUAGES PHP 8.x Symfony · Laravel Python · Bash · SQL JavaScript	FRAMEWORKS & PLATFORMS Symfony · Laravel Drupal 6–10 · WordPress Magento · WooCommerce Moodle · Odoo	DATA & MESSAGING MySQL · PostgreSQL MongoDB · Redis RabbitMQ · Kafka Varnish · Memcached	DEVOPS & CLOUD Docker · Kubernetes AWS · GCP Jenkins · Bamboo CI/CD pipelines	PRACTICES DDD · CQRS · TDD SOLID · Hexagonal REST · GraphQL PHPUnit · Doctrine ORM	SECURITY Cybersecurity hardening Incident response x.509 / PKI / TLS PCI scope	HUMAN LANGUAGES English Native Spanish Fluent German Fluent French / Italian Intermediate	EDUCATION B.S. Computer Science
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Georgetown University · 1996
Kubernetes Cert.
Linux Academy (in progress)

COMMUNITY

Speaker — PHPWorld
2016–2020

Organizer — DrupalGovCon
2016–2020

Admin — DC PHP Group
2014–2020 · 50+ devs mentored

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- 18-consulate CMS unification (shared templates, RBAC) — content deployment time -30%, training costs -\$10K/yr.
- OIDA: API-driven registration platform for 500+ attendees/event — zero payment errors, admin workload -25 hrs/month.
- College Goals: WordPress/WP Engine retainer (2020–present) — plugin, security, and SEO management; 99.8%+ uptime.