

# Eric Maag

Senior Backend Engineer · PHP / Symfony · EMEA Remote · Available Now

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**Languages:** English · Spanish · German (all fluent) · French (intermediate)

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## SUMMARY

Senior Backend Engineer with 25+ years building scalable, high-availability systems for global enterprises and federal agencies. PHP/Symfony specialist with deep practice in event-driven microservices, DevOps, and cybersecurity hardening. Most recently led a 4-engineer team at Signa Sports United through a microservices migration with an event-driven translation pipeline (RabbitMQ, Redis, DeepL) supporting Chain Reaction, Outfitter Teamsport, and Internetstores.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Senior Backend Developer

*Signa Sports United · Jan 2023 – Feb 2024*

- Led team of 4 senior backend developers through a microservices migration; owned recruitment, performance reviews, and technical mentorship.
- Built event-driven translation pipeline (Symfony, RabbitMQ, Redis, DeepL) — **cut manual translation effort 40%** across European subsidiaries.
- Integrated Stripe and PayPal payment gateways across multi-brand catalog; optimized PHP/JS — **30% faster load times, 50% faster batch processing**.
- CI/CD pipelines on Bitbucket, Bamboo, Docker, Kubernetes; production stack MySQL, MongoDB, Memcached, ExtJS frontend.
- Subsidiaries supported: Chain Reaction Cycles, Outfitter Teamsport GmbH, Internetstores.

### Senior Developer

*Nuro Media · Oct 2021 – Jan 2023*

- Built and maintained PHP backend applications and APIs (Symfony, Doctrine ORM, MySQL/MariaDB); resolved **90%+ of reported bugs within SLA**.
- Introduced PHPUnit-based automated testing across the codebase; refactored legacy architectures incrementally.
- Led individual projects end-to-end and collaborated cross-functionally on Jira/SVN/Git workflows.

### Lead Technology

*Innovative Learning Solutions · Oct 2020 – Mar 2021*

- Configured Moodle for student enrollment, attendance, and grading; built custom modules and themes.
- Full Odoon installation, configuration, and payroll-gateway integration with role-based access controls.
- Security audit and password-policy hardening; 3-2-1 backup strategy across local, offline, and AWS.

### Senior Consultant

*Hyve · May 2021 – Jul 2021*

- Web platforms from concept to MVP in international Scrum teams; SOLID/KISS principles, full-lifecycle delivery.

### Senior Backend Engineer — Independent Consultant

*Self-employed (autónomo, statchex.dev) · 2006 – Present*

**Federal & enterprise clients:** NOAA · US House of Representatives · USDA · DISA · NAVSUP · US EPA · Philippine Embassy · UPI · FINCA International · OIDA

- **NOAA** — Migrated 12-subsite Drupal infrastructure across 3 US colocation centers; automated MySQL replication via Bash. **99.9% uptime, ~\$150K/year saved, 65% faster DR.**

- **OIDA** — Recovered from state-sponsored attack in 48 hours with no offsite backups; rebuilt PCI-scoped multi-tier architecture. **Zero data loss.**
- **Philippine Embassy** — 18-consulate multi-tenant CMS with centralized administration and RBAC. **60% reduction in content management overhead.**

## TECHNOLOGIES

**Languages & Frameworks** PHP 8.1/8.2 · Symfony 5/6 · Laravel 9+ · Doctrine ORM · Python · Bash · JavaScript · SQL

**Architecture** DDD · CQRS · Event-driven microservices · REST · GraphQL · Hexagonal · SOLID · TDD

**Data** MySQL · MariaDB · PostgreSQL · MongoDB · MSSQL · Redis · Memcached · Varnish · RabbitMQ

**DevOps & Cloud** Docker · Kubernetes · Jenkins · Bamboo · Bitbucket · Git · AWS · CI/CD · Multi-region replication

**Platforms** Drupal 6–10 · WordPress · Magento · WooCommerce · Moodle · Odoo

**Security & Integrations** x.509/PKI · TLS hardening · Incident response · PCI scope · Stripe · PayPal · DHL · FedEx · DeepL · Apache Solr · Apache Tika

## EDUCATION & COMMUNITY

**Georgetown University** · BS Computer Science · 1996

**Speaker**, PHPWorld · **Administrator**, Washington DC PHP User Group (2014–2020) · **Volunteer organizer**, DrupalGovCon (2016–2020)