# Alexander Butaev

## PHP / Laravel Backend Developer

*Riga, Latvia · Open to Office, Hybrid & Remote*

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## Summary

Backend PHP developer with over 3 years of commercial experience in building and maintaining web applications. Specialized in Laravel, REST APIs, payment systems, and third-party integrations including KYC/AML and cryptocurrency services. Experience also includes working with legacy systems (PHP 5.6 / Yii 1.1). Strong experience in fintech and gambling projects, with a solid understanding of financial flows, compliance, and post-launch support.

## Key Skills

PHP 8.x / Laravel     Blade Templating     JavaScript / Vue.js     Basic Symfony     Legacy PHP 5.6 / Yii 1.1

PostgreSQL / MySQL     REST API / Webhooks / Webservices     Payment & Crypto Integrations

Unit & Integration Testing (TDD)     Docker / CI-CD (GitHub Actions / GitLab CI / Jenkins)

Server Management & Deployment (Linux, VPS setup)     Git / GitHub / GitLab / Bitbucket

MVC / SOLID / OOP / Design Patterns

## Professional Experience

### Software Engineer — Databank (Legacy & Modern Projects)

January 2023 — Present · Riga, Latvia

Development and maintenance of fintech and gambling platforms
Integration of payment systems and cryptocurrency gateways
Development of internal and external REST APIs
Processing bets, wins, and financial transactions
Integration with third-party services (payment providers, KYC/AML, mailing services)
Cooperation with regulatory requirements
Post-launch support and continuous feature development
Working with legacy PHP 5.6 codebases

*Tech stack: PHP 5.6 / 8.x, Yii 1.1, Laravel, PostgreSQL, REST API, Docker, Jenkins*

**Software Engineer — CODELEX**

October 2022 — March 2023 · Riga, Latvia

Backend development using Laravel
REST API development
Unit and integration testing (TDD)
Work with MySQL and PostgreSQL

*Tech stack: PHP, Laravel, MySQL, PostgreSQL*

**Graphic Designer — AP Print**

July 2006 — September 2022 · Riga, Latvia

Long-term technical background in printing production and maintenance. Experience strengthened problem-solving skills and understanding of real-world business processes.

## Projects

🌦 TG Friendly Weather Bot — Telegram bot with real-time weather & forecasts.

🧮 Children-math.com — Educational math platform for kids.

🌐 Disk.lv — Independent full-cycle project.

## Languages

English — Working proficiency
Latvian — Conversational
Russian — Native

## Courses & Certifications

Practical SQL & PostgreSQL Course
Coding Speed — Bronze Level (CodinGame), January 2023
PHP Certification
CodinGame Challenges