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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

With 10+ of experience, I'm a Software Engineer who loves building scalable, high-performance systems and driving innovation through modern technologies. I specialize in quickly delivering high-quality web and mobile applications by leveraging AI throughout the development process. I enjoy collaborating across teams and taking ownership of complex projects that push boundaries.

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## TECHNICAL SKILLS

Ruby on Rails, Golang (Buffalo), PHP (Laravel - ZendFramework) Typescript, Nest.js, React.js, Next.js, Swift, React Native, Kafka, Redis, RabbitMQ, Sidekiq, ArgoCD, Honeybadger, Circle CI, Jenkins, Datadog, AWS (EC2, S3, RDS, Lambda), Cloudflare, Kubernetes, PostgreSQL, MySQL

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## EXPERIENCE

### Senior Full Stack Software Engineer

Kajabi | Mar 2023 - Present | 2 years 9 months

- **Cost Optimization:** Optimized AWS RDS PostgreSQL instances using Reserved Instances during a hackathon event, achieving monthly infrastructure cost savings of **\$180,000**.
- **Build Workflow for BMA:** Using GitHub Actions and Fastlane, developed an end-to-end build automation workflow using ruby on rails and python that automatically builds and publishes mobile apps for nearly 5 million customers to Apple and Google app stores. This solution reduced **operational costs by 48%** and shortened **the app release time by 80%**.
- **Payment for BMA:** Implemented native payment and subscription features via Apple and Google APIs for branded mobile apps, resulting in a **34% increase in product usage** and a **12% uplift in sales** for content creators after a 6-month complex backend development using ruby on rails.
- **Custom Features for Engagement:** Designed and implemented an App Builder Studio using react.js and typescript for branded mobile apps, enabling users to independently design their own apps, boosting user retention rates by **26%** and we had **GMV \$5M** in 6 months.
- **Effective usage of AI tools:** Actively contributed to developing all mobile applications at Kajabi, using the Cursor AI tool along with Swift and React Native, for large-scale features. Quickly implemented many features that delighted customers.

### Lead Full Stack Software Engineer

Superpeer, Inc. | Dec 2020 - Aug 2021 | 2 years 4 months

- **High Productivity:** Rapidly analyzed competitors and delivered major features—Course Management, 1:1 Meeting Infrastructure, and Announcements—in just 2 months, resulting in a **17% revenue increase**.
- **Take Ownership & Responsibility:** Designed and implemented a new full-stack architecture within 8 months, trained the entire team, improving **engineering productivity by 30%** and **production cost by 51%**.
- **Fostering Belonging:** Led a team of 4 engineers to deliver all investment-critical web, backend and mobile backlog items end-to-end, and the company **raised \$2M** in funding as a result.

### Senior Full Stack Software Engineer

Epigra | Jun 2020 - Dec 2020 | 7 months

- **Architecture Modernization:** Converted all existing client projects (231) to a domain-driven design (DDD) architecture, creating a scalable and maintainable foundation across the portfolio.
- **ULive :** Designed and built the ULive product from scratch with 3 engs, enabling the company to secure \$3M in investment within 6 months.
- **Technical Leadership:** Provided hands-on technical guidance on architecture and implementation decisions, helping keep code quality and structure consistent across projects.
- **Code Quality & Hiring:** Reviewed pull requests and helped define coding standards to improve maintainability and reduce defects.

## Senior Full Stack Software Engineer

Global Investment & Trading | Aug 2019 - Jun 2020 | 11 months

- **Real-Time Trading Platform:** Built core backend services, a real-time web trading dashboard, and supporting mobile experiences for a global trading view and charting platform.
- **Low-Latency Market Data:** Designed a high-throughput real-time data system capable of reliably handling over 10 million live market data requests, ensuring smooth, delay-free chart updates for traders.
- **Reliability & Testing:** Implemented unit and end-to-end tests and enforced solid code review practices to keep releases stable and predictable.

## Senior Full Stack Software Engineer\_

MyNextMatch | Dec 2016 - Jul 2019 | 2 years 8 months

- **Multi-Platform Product Development:** Worked as a core engineer across backend services, the main web application, and mobile apps, ensuring a consistent experience for all users.
- **Microservice Architecture at Scale:** Designed and implemented a microservice-based architecture with 256 services running smoothly in production, enabling teams to ship features independently and scale safely.
- **End-to-End Delivery & CI/CD:** Contributed to roadmap and sprint planning, reviewed critical pull requests, and helped manage CI/CD pipelines to keep releases frequent and stable.

## Software Engineer

JTI (Japan Tobacco International) (Siskon) | Apr 2014 - Dec 2016 | 2 years 9 months

- **Internal Systems Development:** Delivered multiple internal web applications for operations, sales, and reporting, from requirements through to production deployment.
- **Architecture & Data Design:** Designed database schemas and implemented backend architecture for both microservice-style and monolithic solutions.
- **Full-Stack Delivery:** Worked across client- and server-side rendered frontends, performed code reviews, and handled deployments to keep systems stable in production.

## Software Engineer

Narkonteks Tekstil A.Ş. | Feb 2012 - Mar 2014 | 2 years 4 months

- **Finance & Stock Systems Migration:** Worked on migrating accounting and stock management processes from SAP into in-house applications, replacing external systems with internal solutions tailored to the company's workflows.
- **Accounting & Inventory Domain Expertise:** Gained strong hands-on experience in finance and inventory flows (invoicing, payments, stock movements, costing), ensuring the software matched real-world business rules.
- **Internal Tools for Operations:** Developed and maintained internal business and reporting tools used daily by finance and operations teams, helping them track production, inventory, and costs more accurately.

## Mid Level Software Engineer

Narkonteks Tekstil A.Ş. | Dec 2011 - Feb 2012

## Mid Level Software Engineer

Shift Technic - MSE Computer and Software | Jul 2010 - Jun 2011 | 1 year

- **Full-Stack Web Development:** Worked as a full-stack engineer on in-house web applications, implementing both backend logic and user-facing features used across the company.

## Junior Software Engineer

Nisa Ajans | Mar 2008 - Jul 2009 | 1 year 5 months

- **Order Management Systems:** Worked as a full-stack engineer on print-house and order management software, helping digitize and streamline day-to-day order and production workflows.

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## EDUCATION

### Computer Engineering

Dokuz Eylul University