Freelance Software Engineer: Python, SQL, REST-Apis, Server automation

Limited version - Full CV available upon request.

Profile

- Web application and open-source software specialist with **13 years of experience** in software engineering and architecture.
- Expertise in Python, FastAPI, Django, SQL databases, and server automation.
- Strong background in **CI/CD automation (Kubernetes, Helm, Ansible)** on GitLab, GitHub, cloud, and self-hosted environments.
- International experience across Australia, Vietnam, and Singapore.
- B.Sc. in Online Media (Hochschule Furtwangen), specializing in web technologies.
- Top 6% contributor on Stack Overflow ([Profile available]).

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• Location: Ingolstadt, Bavaria, Germany (Halfway between Munich and Nuremberg)

• Availability: Open to full-time/part-time, remote, or hybrid roles within Germany. Mobile by car.

Project History

Cloud Application for Energy Management Systems (Dec 2024 - Present)

- Role: Lead Cloud Engineer
- **Scope:** Development, architecture, and scaling of a Django web project for gRPC data processing, analysis, and control of thousands of devices.
- Technologies: Python, Django, PostgreSQL, Kubernetes, Docker, Ansible, gRPC, Helm, HTML, CSS.

Rest APIs on Azure Cloud for Vehicle Document Processing/ederal Subsidies (Feb 2022 - Nov 2024)

- Role: Tech Lead & Solution Architect
- **Scope:** Headed software engineering and IT team, developed scalable microservice architecture, led B2B client engagement, and cross-functional coordination.
- **Technologies:** Python, FastAPI, SQLAlchemy, MariaDB, Azure (Active Directory, Blob Storage, Functions, App Registry), Vue.js.
- Key Achievements:
 - Integrated solutions with **Volkswagen, Elli, ChargePoint, Carbonify, e3dc**, and large German cities (e.g., Stadtwerke Bielefeld/Mainz/Münster).
 - Architected two cloud-based FastAPI services for automated document OCR and consumption data validation.
 - Processed **70,000+ applications**, securing **€25M+ in funding** for customers.
 - Developed a near **cost-neutral** bulk payout and billing system for tens of thousands of transactions.

Django-based ERP & eCommerce Systems with 6-Digit Daily Revenue (Nov 2015 - Jul 2021)

- Role: Freelance Web Engineer
- Scope: Developed browser-based ERP & eCommerce systems, managed servers, and led business

intelligence reporting.

- Technologies: Python, Django/DRF, HTML, CSS, jQuery, MySQL, Docker, Ansible.
- Key Achievements:
 - Optimized database queries, reducing page load time by 90%.
 - Automated server configuration, cutting deployment time by 80%.

Time Management Tool for Car Prototyping (Oct 2015 - Jun 2016)

- Role: Freelance Team Lead / Project Manager
- **Scope:** Led a team of 5 developers, coordinated with clients, managed Agile sprints, and ensured user training.
- Technologies: Python, Django, Angular, HTML, CSS, MySQL, Docker.
- Key Achievements:
 - Delivered rapid feature iterations despite unpredictable developer availability.
 - Completed project under budget and within schedule.

Signage & Device Management for Set-Top Boxes (Oct 2013 - Apr 2015)

- Role: Freelance Engineer
- **Scope:** Developed IPTV middleware, managed live TV transcoding, and handled large-scale device control.
- Technologies: Python, Django, HTML, CSS, Angular, Backbone.js, MySQL, Bash.
- Key Achievements:
 - Integrated REST APIs to support devices from various manufacturers.
 - Delivered a successful product demo within 14 days despite incomplete source code.

Medical Staff & Expense Planning Tool (Oct 2012 - Sep 2013)

- Role: Freelance Engineer
- **Scope:** Developed a Django-based application for healthcare staffing, expense tracking, and reporting for **10,000+ employees**.
- Technologies: Python, Django, HTML, CSS, jQuery, MySQL, Bash.

Education

- B.Sc. in Online Media (2006 2010) Hochschule Furtwangen University, Germany
- Focus: Web applications, software project management, intercultural communication, business studies.
- Exchange Semester: University of Macau, China (2009 2010)
- Advanced Python (Grade A) University of Illinois, USA (2012)

Technical Skills

Programming

• Python (13 yrs), Bash (8 yrs), JavaScript (8 yrs).

Frameworks / Libraries

• Django (13 yrs), FastAPI (4 yrs), SQLAlchemy (6 yrs), Vue.js (2 yrs), Angular (2 yrs), jQuery (6 yrs).

Frontend / UI

• HTML (8 yrs), CSS (8 yrs), Jinja2 (7 yrs), HTMX (1 yr).

Databases

• MySQL/MariaDB (13 yrs), PostgreSQL/PostGIS (4 yrs), SQLite (4 yrs).

DevOps & Infrastructure

- CI/CD Pipelines: GitHub (4 yrs), GitLab (6 yrs).
- Automation: Ansible (6 yrs), Helm (2 yrs), Kubernetes (2 yrs), Docker (5 yrs).
- Cloud: Azure (4 yrs) Functions, Active Directory, Blob Storage, Token Authentication.

Project Management

• Team Leadership (4 yrs), Jira (6 yrs), B2B Communication (4 yrs), Specification Design (4 yrs).

Communication Protocols

• Ajax (8 yrs), WebSockets (1 yr), gRPC (1 yr).

Machine Learning & Data Analysis

• Keras (1 yr), PaddleOCR (1 yr), Pandas (4 yrs), NumPy (4 yrs).

Languages

• German: Native

• English: Fluent (IELTS Academic Band 8/9)

• Spanish: Advanced (B2)