

NIKOLAY ANDONOV

PHP Engineer

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EXPERIENCE

Lead Developer

Enetpulse

2023 - Present

Remote

- Performed a zero-downtime datacenter migration to a fixed date.
- Improved P95 response times by 55% through profiling, database tuning, and caching.
- Refactored and upgraded an inherited legacy Laravel 5 codebase page by page while shipping features.
- Restructured codebases and conventions so AI tooling produces reliable changes.

Lead Developer

Pfizer

2020 - 2023

Remote

- Built Laravel and Vue.js features for healthcare and internal business applications, dashboards, and API-driven workflows.
- Owned Laravel architecture: shared libraries, testing strategy, migration paths.
- Reduced escaped defects by 45% and recurring incidents by 60% through stronger reviews, testing, observability, and ownership.

Tech Lead

Peytz

2017 - 2020

Remote

- Provided technical leadership across 15 developers, client engagements, product environments, and technology stacks.
- Cut a client's AWS bill from \$60–70k to \$7–8k/month through an 18-month Laravel refactor on live traffic.
- Supported architecture, refactoring, migration planning, mentoring, interviews, stakeholder communication, and delivery.

Technical Lead Contributor

Tryond

2015 - 2017

Remote

- Built CRM, frontend, payment, and integration features for reliability-sensitive financial workflows.
- Established integration foundations, improved testing, and supported requirements, interviews, and knowledge-sharing.

Web Developer

The Bancorp

2012 - 2015

Remote

- Built transaction-critical features with 95%+ automated test coverage.

SUMMARY

Laravel developer since 2015, certified since 2018, currently leading a 6-person team while still writing code daily. Strong bias toward delivery, clarity, and ownership. 14 years remote, always across a border.

SKILLS

Engineering Leadership

Technical Strategy Architecture

System Design Code Quality Refactoring

Observability Incident Learning

Maintainability Technical Decision-Making

Performance Profiling Query Optimisation

Technology

Laravel PHP 8 Livewire Inertia React

React Native Vue.js AWS Python

JAVA Next.js Apex TypeScript Redis

MySQL Grafana

CERTIFICATION

Laravel Certified

<https://andonov.dev/laravel-certificate-nikolay-andonov-2018-03-05.pdf>

EDUCATION

Informatics, Computer Programming

New Bulgarian University

2012 - 2017

Sofia, Bulgaria

Mathematics and English

High School of Mathematics and Natural Sciences

2007 - 2012

Burgas, Bulgaria