KIRSTEN HOFFMANN

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Backend engineer who likes small, well-tested services and clear runbooks.
- Experience across 2 employers, most recently as Senior Software Engineer at Quayside Digital.
- Comfortable owning a service end to end: design, build, deploy and on-call.
- Known for clear communication with colleagues and for following work through to the end.

EDUCATION

Sheffield Hallam University — **Sheffield**
BSc Computer Science — *2023*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Quayside Digital — **Berlin**
Senior Software Engineer — *Jan 2026 – Present*

- Built a feature-flag system so risky changes could be switched off without a deploy.
- Ran on-call for the payments platform and wrote the incident runbooks the team still uses.
- Wrote the design doc for the new search service and ran the review with three teams.
- Reduced cloud spend on staging by shutting down idle environments overnight.
- Paired with the security team to remove secrets from config and rotate keys automatically.

Northpoint Labs — **Berlin**
Software Engineer — *May 2025 – Nov 2025*

- Wrote integration tests and contract tests; raised coverage on the core service from 41% to 78%.
- Reviewed pull requests daily and kept the team style guide up to date.
- Added structured logging and tracing so incidents could be traced across services in minutes.
- Built and maintained REST APIs used by 16 internal teams and two mobile apps.

PROJECTS

Open-source rate limiter library (side project)

- Planned and delivered it alongside day-to-day work, with a written plan and agreed success measures.
- Shared the results with the wider team and kept the documentation up to date.

Hackathon: real-time bus tracker

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TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages & tools: MySQL, Java
General: Git, Docker, Linux, REST APIs, CI/CD
Languages: English (Fluent), German (B2)

CERTIFICATIONS

- AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner
- Scrum Fundamentals

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Member of a community choir.
- Mentor for a school careers programme, helping students with CVs and mock interviews.

REFERENCE

Rania Osei
Senior Lecturer, Brightwave Systems
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