CALLUM LARSEN

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Backend engineer who likes small, well-tested services and clear runbooks.
- Experience across 3 employers, most recently as Senior Backend Engineer at Kestrel Cloud.
- 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 — *2015*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Kestrel Cloud — **Lisbon**
Senior Backend Engineer — *Feb 2024 – Present*

- Built an internal CLI that cut new-engineer setup from a day to an hour.
- Worked with product managers to break large features into weekly releases.
- Automated database migrations in CI so releases no longer needed a maintenance window.
- Reviewed pull requests daily and kept the team style guide up to date.

Harbor Analytics — **Lisbon**
Backend Engineer — *Feb 2021 – Dec 2023*

- Cut p95 response time on the checkout service from 900 ms to 240 ms by reworking queries and caching.
- Paired with the security team to remove secrets from config and rotate keys automatically.
- Added structured logging and tracing so incidents could be traced across services in minutes.
- Reduced cloud spend on staging by shutting down idle environments overnight.

Tidewater Apps — **Lisbon**
Backend Developer — *Nov 2017 – Nov 2020*

- Ran on-call for the payments platform and wrote the incident runbooks the team still uses.
- Built and maintained REST APIs used by 23 internal teams and two mobile apps.
- Built a feature-flag system so risky changes could be switched off without a deploy.

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: PlanetScale, C#/.NET
General: Git, Docker, Linux, REST APIs, CI/CD
Languages: English (Fluent)

CERTIFICATIONS

- AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner
- Scrum Fundamentals

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Treasurer of a local sports club, keeping the accounts and membership list.
- Member of a community choir.
- Mentor for a school careers programme, helping students with CVs and mock interviews.

REFERENCE

Gavin Ortiz
Senior Lecturer, Copperline Software

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