WREN OKAFOR

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Backend engineer who likes small, well-tested services and clear runbooks.
- Experience across 4 employers, most recently as Senior Backend Engineer at Northpoint Labs.
- 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

University of Leeds — **Leeds**

BSc Computer Science — *2017*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Northpoint Labs — **Berlin**

Senior Backend Engineer — *Dec 2024 – Present*

- Mentored two junior engineers through their first production releases.
- Reduced cloud spend on staging by shutting down idle environments overnight.
- Designed the event model for order tracking and reviewed every schema change with the data team.
- Worked with product managers to break large features into weekly releases.

Tidewater Apps — **Berlin**

Backend Engineer — *Feb 2023 – Dec 2024*

- Reviewed pull requests daily and kept the team style guide up to date.
- 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.
- Ran on-call for the payments platform and wrote the incident runbooks the team still uses.

Harbor Analytics — **Berlin**

Backend Developer — *May 2021 – Feb 2023*

- Wrote the design doc for the new search service and ran the review with three teams.
- Built an internal CLI that cut new-engineer setup from a day to an hour.
- Built a feature-flag system so risky changes could be switched off without a deploy.

Kestrel Cloud — **Berlin**

Backend Developer — *Feb 2019 – Mar 2021*

- Wrote integration tests and contract tests; raised coverage on the core service from 41% to 78%.
- Automated database migrations in CI so releases no longer needed a maintenance window.

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: PostgreSQL, Express on Node, C#/.NET
General: Git, Docker, Linux, REST APIs, CI/CD
Languages: English (Native), Spanish (Conversational)

CERTIFICATIONS

- AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner
- Scrum Fundamentals

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Organiser of a monthly running club with around 30 members.
- Volunteer at a local food bank twice a month.

REFERENCE

Bianca Yilmaz
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