OMAR TANAKA

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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

Leeds Beckett University — **Leeds**
BSc Computer Science — *2017*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Kestrel Cloud — **London**
Senior Backend Engineer — *Aug 2024 – Present*

- Wrote integration tests and contract tests; raised coverage on the core service from 41% to 78%.
- Designed the event model for order tracking and reviewed every schema change with the data team.
- Automated database migrations in CI so releases no longer needed a maintenance window.
- Worked with product managers to break large features into weekly releases.
- Cut p95 response time on the checkout service from 900 ms to 240 ms by reworking queries and caching.

Kestrel Cloud — **London**
Backend Engineer — *Jul 2022 – Aug 2024*

- Added structured logging and tracing so incidents could be traced across services in minutes.
- Mentored two junior engineers through their first production releases.
- Reviewed pull requests daily and kept the team style guide up to date.
- Built and maintained REST APIs used by 5 internal teams and two mobile apps.

Lumen Health Tech — **London**
Backend Developer — *Jul 2020 – Apr 2022*

- Led the move of three services from a shared monolith into independently deployed services.
- Ran on-call for the payments platform and wrote the incident runbooks the team still uses.
- Built an internal CLI that cut new-engineer setup from a day to an hour.

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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RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

Notes on shift scheduling — **2026**

- Short paper shared internally and at a local meetup.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages & tools: PlanetScale
General: Git, Docker, Linux, REST APIs, CI/CD
Languages: English (Fluent)

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

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