IDA VEGA

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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 Tidewater Apps.
- 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

DePaul University — **Chicago, IL**
BSc Computer Science — *2018*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Tidewater Apps — **Manchester**
Senior Backend Engineer — *May 2025 – Present*

- Added structured logging and tracing so incidents could be traced across services in minutes.
- Mentored two junior engineers through their first production releases.
- Built a feature-flag system so risky changes could be switched off without a deploy.
- Paired with the security team to remove secrets from config and rotate keys automatically.
- Compared BambooHR with two other tools for my manager, who chose another.

Orchard Commerce — **Manchester**
Backend Engineer — *Aug 2023 – Apr 2025*

- Reviewed pull requests daily and kept the team style guide up to date.
- Automated database migrations in CI so releases no longer needed a maintenance window.
- Cut p95 response time on the checkout service from 900 ms to 240 ms by reworking queries and caching.
- Reduced cloud spend on staging by shutting down idle environments overnight.

Harbor Analytics — **Manchester**
Backend Developer — *May 2022 – Jun 2023*

- Wrote the design doc for the new search service and ran the review with three teams.
- Worked with product managers to break large features into weekly releases.
- Led the move of three services from a shared monolith into independently deployed services.

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: Java
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

Xin Kaur
Engineering Manager, Harbor Analytics

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