RANIA YILMAZ

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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 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

DePaul University — **Chicago, IL**
BSc Computer Science — *2022*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Northpoint Labs — **Austin, TX**
Senior Backend Engineer — *Jan 2026 – Present*

- Reviewed pull requests daily and kept the team style guide up to date.
- Wrote the design doc for the new search service and ran the review with three teams.
- Led the move of three services from a shared monolith into independently deployed services.
- Built an internal CLI that cut new-engineer setup from a day to an hour.

Northpoint Labs — **Austin, TX**
Backend Engineer — *Sept 2024 – Dec 2025*

- Paired with the security team to remove secrets from config and rotate keys automatically.
- Automated database migrations in CI so releases no longer needed a maintenance window.
- Reduced cloud spend on staging by shutting down idle environments overnight.
- Built a feature-flag system so risky changes could be switched off without a deploy.

Quayside Digital — **Austin, TX**
Backend Developer — *Apr 2023 – Sept 2024*

- Worked with product managers to break large features into weekly releases.
- Mentored two junior engineers through their first production releases.
- Added structured logging and tracing so incidents could be traced across services in minutes.

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, Python
General: Git, Docker, Linux, REST APIs, CI/CD
Languages: English (Native), Spanish (Conversational)

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

Kwame Sharma
HR Director, Kestrel Cloud

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