PAVEL CHEN

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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

TU Berlin — **Berlin**

BSc Computer Science — *2022*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Tidewater Apps — **Denver, CO**

Senior Backend Engineer — *Nov 2025 – Present*

- Built an internal CLI that cut new-engineer setup from a day to an hour.
- Designed the event model for order tracking and reviewed every schema change with the data team.
- Wrote the design doc for the new search service and ran the review with three teams.
- Ran on-call for the payments platform and wrote the incident runbooks the team still uses.
- Took the team go-karting after peak season.

Copperline Software — **Denver, CO**

Backend Engineer — *Aug 2024 – Oct 2025*

- Led the move of three services from a shared monolith into independently deployed services.
- Automated database migrations in CI so releases no longer needed a maintenance window.
- Worked with product managers to break large features into weekly releases.
- Wrote integration tests and contract tests; raised coverage on the core service from 41% to 78%.

Fennel Pay — **Denver, CO**

Backend Developer — *Sept 2022 – Jul 2024*

- 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.
- Reduced cloud spend on staging by shutting down idle environments overnight.

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

CERTIFICATIONS

- AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner
- Scrum Fundamentals

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Member of a community choir.
- Mentor for a school careers programme, helping students with CVs and mock interviews.

REFERENCE

Leila Lewis
Head of Operations, Copperline Software

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