

Jeroen Marinus

Freelance Senior PHP Developer - Symfony & Laravel - Legacy modernisation

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Aartselaar (Antwerpen), BE
freelance or permanent - remote or hybrid
on-site within ~1h of Antwerp

> Freelance PHP developer with 15+ years of hands-on experience in Symfony, Laravel, and the surrounding ecosystem. I work directly or through intermediaries on enterprise and public-sector projects in Belgium, big or small.
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> The work I like best is taking over codebases that have outgrown their original design and making them maintainable again. Often that means wrapping old procedural PHP in a modern framework, so the team and I can refactor it step by step instead of betting everything on a rewrite.
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> I care about the handover as much as the code. Clients have to keep running and maintain what I build after I leave, so I document decisions, keep the stack simple where simple works, and leave tests behind.

Work experience

Senior Software Developer

06/2026 - present

Nokia Bell

Freelance

R&D Tools

PHP, Symfony, Javascript, MySQL, Cursor, CI/CD

- Modernisation of legacy tools
- Automation of component reports
- Development, implementation and testing of new functionalities within existing toolchain
- Implementation of CI/CD pipelines

Senior Software Developer

06/2025 - 06/2026

Federal government

Freelance

- Public-sector assignment. Details under NDA, ask me general info when we're talking.

Senior Software Developer

03/2024 - 04/2025

De Wit Holding

Freelance

Exact Online integration

Laravel, Livewire, PHP, JavaScript, MySQL, REST, CI/CD

- Digitalization and automation of invoicing, purchasing and inventory management through integrations with the Exact Online API
- Set up event-driven architecture with a message queue for more complex tasks
- Continued development and maintenance of existing applications across the group

Senior Software Developer

04/2022 - 02/2024

Bax Music

Freelance

Bax-shop platform consolidation

Symfony, PHP, JavaScript, MySQL, Elasticsearch, SOLR, Redis, Memcache, RabbitMQ, CI/CD

- Consolidation and expansion of existing platform to support 6+ storefronts across multiple languages and countries, resulting in reduced infrastructure costs
- Refactoring existing architecture towards service/repository patterns and conventional Symfony structure

(Senior) Software Developer

09/2013 - 04/2022

Mia Interactive (merged into iO since 02/2021)

Bureau Veritas

Symfony, PHP, JavaScript, MySQL, REST, Elasticsearch, RabbitMQ, CI/CD

- Inbound API with 35k+ requests/hour from various systems worldwide (EU, Brazil, USA, Russia, ...)
- Event-driven outbound API that pushes data to customer systems, with custom written "API builder" allowing end-users to create JSON feeds as needed
- Critical tools used by personnel in various laboratories
- Generating certificate/invoice/order PDFs
- Thousands of notification emails per day
- Mentored 2 junior developers in the team

Plan International, Sterk Schoolbestuur, Elegis, Konica Minolta, Studant, Sapim, ...

Drupal, PHP, JavaScript, MySQL, CI/CD

In the first 4-5 years at Mia my responsibility was to build marketing driven sites.

Junior Web Developer

10/2012 - 07/2013

Intracto (known as iO since 09/2021)

Drupal development

IT Consultant

09/2011 - 09/2012

PHPro

Magento development

Other experience

Volunteer

2009 - 2017

Youth center Vizit

Core volunteer & board member

Volunteer

2010 - 2015

Willrock (Matilé)

Organisation of festival, stage manager, web development

Own software projects

Symfony, PHP, Javascript, Stimulus, MySQL, CI/CD, DevOps, GitOps, Claude Code, Opencode, Self-hosted LLMs

- Own website (jeroenmarinus.be, incl. this CV ;-))
- Own invoicing/business software
- PSD2 integration
- Willrock live-score tool
- ...

Skills

Expert

Symfony, PHP, Laravel, Twig

Proficient

MySQL, Git, Gitlab CI, Gitlab CI, GitHub actions, Docker, Linux, REST APIs, JavaScript, Blade, Livewire

Familiar

Drupal, Redis, Elasticsearch, RabbitMQ, Angular, SOLR, Memcache, GitOps

Architecture

Event-driven architecture, CQRS, Message queues, Service & Repository patterns, Design patterns (builder, strategy, chain of responsibility)

Also ask me about:

- Home automation/IoT
- Homelab
- BBQ
- Music (guitar)

Education

Applied Information Technologies

2008 - 2011

Katholieke Hogeschool Kempen (Thomas More)

Specialization: Game, Web & Application development

Industrial Information Technologies

2006 - 2008

Don Bosco Hoboken

Industrial sciences/engineering

2004 - 2006

Don Bosco Hoboken

General secondary education (ASO)

2002 - 2004

Pius X Antwerp

Languages

Dutch

CEFR - self assessment

Level: C2

English

CEFR - self assessment

Level: C2

French

CEFR - self assessment

Level: B1