Micheal Youssif

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PROFILE

Software engineering lead with over a decade in backend and open-source engineering. At Lingoda I lead the team building the B2B/B2G platform that lets companies and government programs manage their learners, owning it from architecture and planning through delivery and coaching.

EXPERIENCE

Software Engineering Lead, Lingoda — Jan 2022 – Present
Lead the team behind Lingoda's B2B/B2G platform, which lets companies and public programs manage their learners, including courses for foreign medical professionals seeking recognition in Germany. Responsible for planning, delivery, stakeholder reporting and coaching engineers.

Senior Software Engineer, Lingoda — Dec 2018 – Jan 2022
Built and maintained Lingoda's web applications, with a focus on code quality, performance and testing.

Freelance Software Engineer, Upwork — Mar 2014 – Dec 2018
Delivered PHP/Symfony projects for international clients: payment gateways (PayPal, Stripe, Authorize.net, PayFort), social APIs, Twilio SMS, Firebase, AWS S3 and a website builder product.

Backend Developer, OleZone — Sep 2017 – Oct 2018
Built the backend and APIs for a football social app (iOS/Android): posts, video, live scores. Symfony 3.4, Redis, RabbitMQ, Elasticsearch, Docker.

Senior Web Developer, Ibtikar Technologies — Dec 2015 – Sep 2017
Owned the backend APIs, admin panel and real-time truck tracking (sockets, Google Maps APIs) for the Bareedo logistics apps.

Senior Software Engineer, Softxpert — Mar 2014 – Nov 2015
Built a US fingerprint-scheduling and payments platform with automated reporting and PDF ingestion from email.

Team Coordinator & Developer, LCPS — Apr 2013 – Mar 2014
Coordinated the Alexandria team; built a drag-and-drop landing-page editor and payment integrations for marketing software.

Part-time Instructor, Information Technology Institute (ITI) — Feb 2015 – May 2018
Taught PHP, PHPUnit, APIs, databases and Agile across three ITI intakes.

SIDE PROJECTS

Side projects I took from idea to launch on my own, building them with AI as my pair programmer.

- **Akl Baladi** (Web + iOS): Homemade halal Egyptian food delivered in Berlin
- **Nocto: IPTV Player** (iOS + tvOS): Fast, modern IPTV player for iPhone, iPad and Apple TV (Xtream Codes, M3U, EPG, time-shift)
- **Face Off Arcade** (iOS): 58 two-player games on one iPad or iPhone, played face to face
- **Community Signals** (iOS): A shared real-time status board for your building or neighbourhood
- **SnapCrop** (iOS): Crop, resize and export photos for social media in seconds

SKILLS

Team leadership · System architecture · PHP & Symfony · API design · Database design · Payment integrations · AWS · AI-assisted development

EDUCATION

Professional Diploma, Open Source
Information Technology Institute (ITI), 2010–2011

B.Com., Management Information Systems
Alexandria University, 2006–2010

LANGUAGES

Arabic (native) · English (professional) · German (A2–B1)