

Ali Saab

Backend PHP Developer

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Full-stack software engineer with 4+ years of hands-on PHP development experience, spanning freelance client work and academic projects. Proficient in object-oriented PHP with a solid grasp of OOP principles, MVC architecture, and relational database design using MySQL. Experienced building feature-rich web platforms from the ground up—including admin dashboards, REST APIs, multilingual systems, and AI-integrated backends. Comfortable with Git-based workflows, clean code standards, and cross-functional collaboration. Eager to deepen expertise in Symfony and enterprise-grade PHP architecture within a remote-first engineering team.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

PHP & Backend	PHP, OOP, MVC, REST APIs, Node.js, Java, Python, C++
Frameworks	Laravel (familiar), Symfony (learning), Express.js
Frontend	HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript (ES6+), React, Next.js, WordPress
Mobile	Flutter / Dart
Databases	MySQL (schema design, queries, optimization), PostgreSQL (familiar)
AI / ML	Machine Learning, NLP, LLM Integration, AI Prompt Engineering
DevOps / Tools	Git, GitHub, Arduino IDE
Practices	OOP, Clean Code, Agile/Scrum, API design, Code Documentation

WORK EXPERIENCE

Full-Stack Web Developer (PHP & JavaScript) | Freelance

Nov 2022 – Present • Remote / Lebanon

- Designed, developed, and deployed multiple client-facing web applications using PHP, JavaScript, MySQL, and WordPress.
- Built Hotel du Lac: a full-featured luxury hotel website with online room booking, multilingual support (EN/FR), live currency switching, and a PHP-powered admin dashboard for managing rooms, events, restaurant menus, and gallery content.
- Developed Resto Menu SaaS: a multi-tenant restaurant platform with PHP backend, AI-driven virtual waiter, and customizable admin panel per client.
- Delivered HAS Computers eCommerce platform: PHP backend with AI component recommender, custom PC builder, and standard shopping cart.
- Wrote clean, maintainable code; managed version control with Git; communicated requirements and delivered iterative updates directly with clients.

Frontend Developer Intern | Mobile Arts

Jul 2024 • Lebanon

- Implemented and refined UI components on production WordPress websites using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.
- Collaborated with senior developers to ensure cross-browser compatibility and responsive design standards.

- Gained hands-on exposure to professional development workflows and code review practices.

KEY PROJECTS

Hotel du Lac — *Freelance Client Project* | hoteldulac-benin.com

Full-stack hotel booking platform for a 3-star lakeside hotel in Cotonou, Benin.

- Built with HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and PHP; MySQL database for all content management.
- Implemented multilingual support (EN/FR) and real-time currency switching.
- Delivered end-to-end: requirements gathering, architecture, development, and deployment.

SwipeWise — *Senior Capstone Project* | casesaab.online

AI-powered skill-exchange platform enabling professionals to trade services without monetary transactions.

- Built with HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and PHP; MySQL database backend.
- AI layer analyzes post quality and matches users based on complementary skills.
- Integrated LLM APIs for content verification and intelligent user-to-user matching.
- Followed Agile methodology with sprint planning, daily standups, and retrospectives.

Resto Menu — *SaaS Product*

Multi-tenant smart restaurant menu platform with AI-powered virtual waiter.

- Built with PHP, HTML, and CSS; per-tenant admin dashboards and customizable branding.
- AI (Python) recommends dishes based on user preferences and time-of-day context via LLM API.

HAS Computers — *Personal / eCommerce Project*

AI-powered eCommerce platform for PC hardware with intelligent build recommendations.

- Built with Node.js and Next.js; standard shopping and a custom PC builder tool.
- AI module (Python) recommends component combinations within user-defined budget constraints.

ZooBot — *NLP / ML Course Project*

Conversational chatbot educating users about animals using NLP and machine learning.

- Built with Python (NLP/ML backend) and HTML/CSS frontend.
- Dynamically expands knowledge by fetching missing animal data via ChatGPT API and persisting to database.
- Demonstrated LLM API integration, intent classification, and data persistence patterns.

Detective Saab — *AI-Powered Game*

Investigative mystery game where players interrogate AI-driven characters to solve cases.

- Built with Node.js and Next.js; dynamic interrogation system powered by LLM API.
- Each character maintains distinct personalities, secrets, and motives stored in a structured backend.

Additional projects: Banking System (PHP, HTML, CSS, JS), FPL AI Assistant (Python), Point-of-Sale Web System, Videographer Portfolio, and custom WordPress themes.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Lebanese International University (LIU) | 2021 – 2025

- Specialization in AI, Machine Learning, and Natural Language Processing.
- Senior capstone project: SwipeWise (AI-powered service exchange platform).
- Relevant coursework: OOP, Data Structures & Algorithms, Database Systems, Software Engineering, NLP, Web Development.

LANGUAGES

Arabic — Native **English** — Professional Proficiency (written & spoken)