

Venelin Velev

Software Development Team Lead

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SUMMARY

Software Development Team Lead with 9+ years of engineering experience, currently leading a cross-functional team of 6 developers and QAs. I combine technical depth with delivery ownership. Motivated by hard problems and by building teams that ship reliably.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

01/2024 – Present
Sofia, Bulgaria

SofiaStars Ltd.

Software Development Team Lead

- Lead a cross-functional Operations team of 6 (4 senior developers - 3 backend, 1 full-stack - and 2 QAs), owning task assignment, sprint planning, and delivery across two major product lines.
- Run all Scrum ceremonies and manage the team's Jira workflow, writing user stories and acceptance criteria - maintaining a ~90% sprint commitment rate.
- Oversee production stability for the platform, resolving ~600 production bugs per year and driving rapid resolution of critical incidents; participate in the on-duty rotation alongside the team.
- Remain hands-on as a full-stack engineer, contributing production code across Node.js (NestJS), Next.js/React, GraphQL, and Python.
- Led development of critical integrations for two major product lines, expanding product functionality and improving system interoperability.
- Provide technical mentorship and code reviews, driving architectural decisions and engineering standards.

02/2023 – 01/2024
Sofia, Bulgaria

ZekEng AD

Senior software developer

- Built and maintained server-side logic using Node.js, integrating various services and ensuring smooth data flow across the application.
- Built and maintained Express.js microservices for various processes through the different applications.
- Developed and maintained robust web applications using Next.js and React, ensuring seamless user experiences and optimal performance.
- Leveraged Hasura GraphQL to design and implement efficient, real-time data fetching mechanisms, enhancing the responsiveness and scalability of applications.
- Managed and optimized PostgreSQL databases through Hasura, ensuring data integrity, security, and efficient querying.
- Utilized Python for backend scripting, data processing, and automation tasks, streamlining operations and improving system efficiency.

12/2021 – 02/2023
Sofia, Bulgaria

Sitecore

Solutions Consultant with Javascript and Python

- Building Server to Server integrations with Python.
- Building automations with Python.
- Building APIs with Node.js.
- Building JavaScript experiences that improve the UX.
- Building React applications for some clients.
- Identified issues, analyzed information and provided solutions to problems.
- Resolved problems, improved operations and provided exceptional service.

01/2017 – 11/2021 Sofia, Bulgaria	emerchantpay Ltd. Software Engineer • Developing and maintaining several Node.js applications. • Building and maintaining different automations with Python. • Monitoring critical processes.
07/2014 – 12/2016 Sofia, Bulgaria	C3i Healthcare Connections Technical Support Lead • Monitoring the activities of the support team and constantly improving the workload. • Provided documentation on troubleshooting of technical processes to support desk staff. • Resolved diverse range of technical issues across multiple systems and applications for customers • and end-users across various time zones. • Translated complex technical issues into digestible language for non-technical users. • Assisted with updating technical support best practices for use by team. • Acted as an escalation point.

EDUCATION	
09/2012 – 05/2016 Sofia, Bulgaria	Bachelor - Electronics Engineering Technical University of Sofia
09/2000 – 05/2012 Kozloduy, Bulgaria	High School Diploma High school "St. St. Cyril and Methodius"
LANGUAGES	
English	● ● ● ● ● Bulgarian ● ● ● ● ●