NARIMAN GARDI

Senior Full-Stack Engineer — Laravel · Vue/React · Payments & Real-Time Platforms

Erbil, Iraq (UTC+3) · Remote-only · Available as a contractor (Deel / Payoneer)

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SUMMARY

Full-stack engineer with **6+ years** building and scaling production SaaS on Laravel, Vue, and React — specialized in payments, carrier billing, and real-time systems. Built the payments and live-data backend for a platform serving **474K+ users** across **10 countries**, processing **1.4M+ transactions** and **25M+ carrier-billing events**. Promoted to lead a **9-person cross-functional team** while staying hands-on — the engineer teams hand their hardest integration and performance problems to.

CORE SKILLS

Languages: PHP, JavaScript, SQL

Backend: Laravel · REST API design · Livewire · queues & workers (Horizon) · WebSockets (Reverb/Pusher/Echo) · MQTT · multi-tenancy

Frontend: Vue.js · React · React Router

Data & infra: MySQL · Redis · AWS (S3, SES) · Docker · CI/CD

Practices: TDD & automated testing · system design · code review · Agile/Scrum · Git

PAYMENTS & CARRIER BILLING — 25+ INTEGRATIONS ACROSS 10 COUNTRIES

Gateways: Stripe · Apple Pay · Google Pay · Authorize.net · Areeba

Carrier billing (DCB): MTN · Telecel · Globacom · Korek · Zain · STC · Etisalat · Ooredoo · Mobily

Wallets & local rails: FIB QR · QI Card · NassWallet · FastPay

EXPERIENCE

Tornet — Backend Engineer → Team Lead

Erbil, Iraq · Jan 2023 – Present

Iraq-based technology company building telco, fintech, and consumer products for the MENA and West-Africa markets.

- Built and scaled the payments, carrier-billing, and real-time backend for **Torliga** (fantasy football + live scores) — **26 payment rails** across **10 countries**, serving **474,330 users** and **59,518 paying subscribers** billed monthly (157,822 lifetime), processing **1.4M+ transactions** and **25M+ carrier-billing callbacks**.
- Re-architected the live-match data pipeline, cutting match-detail load from **~10s to <100ms (~100×)** — moved third-party API calls into scheduled jobs writing pre-formatted JSON to a cache layer, and built a Redis warm-cache worker pipeline enriching a high-volume MQTT firehose (hundreds of events/sec, **zero per-event DB queries**) into localized EN/AR/KU push and live Reverb broadcasts.
- Promoted from Backend Engineer to **Team Lead**; led a **9-person cross-functional team** (4 backend, 3 mobile, 2 frontend) on **Korek Treasure / Trivioo**, a white-label multi-carrier gamification platform — owning architecture, sprint planning, backend code review, and people management (1:1s, reviews, mentoring) while staying hands-on.
- Built the payment layer within **WAQOOD** (fuel payments) — three Iraqi rails (FIB QR, QI Card, NassWallet) reconciling into a single in-app IQD wallet, with signed-webhook settlement and pending-transaction timeouts.

Freelance Software Developer

Erbil, Iraq · Mar 2019 – Jan 2023

- Delivered full-stack Laravel/Vue applications for clients across real estate, inventory, healthcare, and e-commerce — building custom billing, scheduling, and operations systems end to end.

SELECTED PROJECTS

Full case studies at gardi.dev

- **Atelier** — A 3D workshop where AI coding agents do real work on a live git repo. Solo: built the agent tool-loop from scratch (no SDK), the full-stack app, and 3D-modelled the assets in Blender. *React · Three.js · multi-provider LLMs.*
- **Relay** — Multi-tenant WhatsApp-platform SaaS; solo, full-stack. 4 pricing tiers, usage-based Stripe billing, signed webhooks & API, RBAC + 2FA. *Laravel · React.*
- **Cinematch** — Movie/TV discovery app; solo, full-stack. *Laravel · React · TMDB API.*

EDUCATION

BSc, Information Systems Engineering — Erbil Technical Engineering College · 2019–2023

IT Diploma — Choman Technical Institute · 2017–2019

LANGUAGES

Kurdish (native) · English (professional working proficiency, B2–C1) · Arabic