

# Lars Pohlmann

Senior Backend Developer — PHP / Symfony

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## PROFILE

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Freelance software developer based in Hamburg — working with PHP since 1999 and self-employed since 2010. Focused on secure, scalable back-ends with PHP and Symfony, with strong DevOps/AWS expertise and a consistent emphasis on code quality and testing.

## SKILLS

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**Backend** · PHP, Symfony, PHPUnit, phpCS, Psalm, PHPMD

**DevOps & Cloud** · AWS, Open Telekom Cloud, Docker, Kubernetes, Terraform, CI/CD, GitHub Actions

**Data & Security** · MySQL, MongoDB, Redis · OAuth, OpenID, Okta

**AI-assisted development** · Claude Code, Model Context Protocol (MCP)

**More** · Java, Spring Boot, Git, Jira

## EXPERIENCE

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### Freelance Software Developer (PHP / Symfony)

Self-employed · Hamburg · Since Apr 2010

- **Statistics & market-data platform (2015–2024):** Hamburg-based platform with millions of users; market data for thousands of businesses across 170+ industries.
- **Sustainability & ESG software (2025–2026):** ESG reporting, supply-chain and climate management; 250+ companies with regulatory compliance.

**Software Developer** — kontor eins, Hamburg · Aug 2008 - Mar 2010

**Software Developer** — asdag, Hamburg · Jun 2004 - May 2008

**Freelance PHP Developer** — Self-employed, Kiel · May 2000 - May 2004

**Web Developer** — eConnex AG, Kiel · May 1999 - May 2000

## PROJECTS

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**MarkdownObserver** — open-source viewer & folder watcher for Markdown files, macOS (Swift).

[github.com/larspohlmann/markdownobserver](https://github.com/larspohlmann/markdownobserver)

**mcp-phpcs-server, mcp-phpstan-server** — MCP servers in pure PHP exposing phpCS / PHPStan to AI coding tools.

**Published iOS apps** — In Season For You, Simple Sober Tracker (Swift, App Store).

## EDUCATION

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**Geography studies** (Diplom programme, Vordiplom / intermediate diploma) · Kiel University (Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel) · 1995–1999

## LANGUAGES

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German (native) · English (fluent)