Jose Hidalgo

Senior Full-Stack Engineer | Event-Driven Architecture, DDD, AI-Assisted Development

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SUMMARY

Full-stack engineer who loves building distributed systems and keeps doing it outside of work too. I specialize in event-driven architectures with Scala, Kotlin, and Akka, working with CQRS, Event Sourcing, and Domain-Driven Design in real production environments. On the frontend I build with React, TypeScript, and React Native. I hold a Master's degree with a thesis on DDD architecture because I believe great systems start with solid domain models. In my own time I maintain a multi-tenant portfolio platform on Payload CMS and I'm building a desktop game companion app with Rust and Tauri. I use AI-assisted tools in my daily workflow, and years of customer-facing consultancy work have made me just as comfortable talking to clients as writing code.

EXPERIENCE

Full-Stack Engineer / Consultant — twoday

Nov 2022 – Present | Jyväskylä, Finland

Joined as a junior developer and grew to senior consultant level while delivering distributed systems for enterprise clients. Worked in cross-functional teams of 8 to 10 engineers, developing deep expertise in event-driven design and functional programming with Scala.

- Grew from junior developer to senior-level consultant through direct work on large-scale distributed systems
- Designed backend services following Domain-Driven Design and functional programming principles
- Used AI-assisted development workflows for faster prototyping, test generation, and feature delivery
- [Global Transportation Management System (TMS)] Implemented CQRS and Event Sourcing using Akka Persistence and Cassandra
- [Global Transportation Management System (TMS)] Built Akka Streams pipelines processing thousands of booking and shipment events daily
- [Global Transportation Management System (TMS)] Designed dual-repository pattern (Elasticsearch + optimized projections) for low-latency read models
- [Global Transportation Management System (TMS)] Developed REST and GraphQL APIs (Lagom/Play, http4s) and integrated legacy systems via SOAP
- [Global Transportation Management System (TMS)] Implemented complex financial logic including multi-party cost allocation, tax calculations, and invoice validation
- [Global Transportation Management System (TMS)] Built intelligent caching and ERP synchronization mechanisms
- [Global Transportation Management System (TMS)] Contributed to React + TypeScript operational UIs with real-time validation
- [Headless CMS & Cross-Platform Mobile Platform] Designed and configured headless CMS solutions using Strapi and Payload CMS
- [Headless CMS & Cross-Platform Mobile Platform] Built React Native applications targeting Android and iOS
- [Headless CMS & Cross-Platform Mobile Platform] Developed React + TypeScript web frontends consuming CMS-driven APIs
- [Headless CMS & Cross-Platform Mobile Platform] Deployed backend services and CMS infrastructure to cloud environments
- [Headless CMS & Cross-Platform Mobile Platform] Integrated authentication, role-based access control, and dynamic content modeling
- [Headless CMS & Cross-Platform Mobile Platform] Used AI tools (LLMs, Copilot) for feature prototyping, schema modeling, and test generation

Test Automation Engineer — Etteplan

Mar 2022 – Sep 2022 | Jyväskylä, Finland

Improved software reliability through automated testing and CI integration.

- Built automated test suites using Python and Robot Framework
- Designed structured test cases and performance scenarios
- Contributed to CI pipeline improvements

IT Consultant — CGI

Jan 2020 – Aug 2021 | Greenville, South Carolina, USA

Worked as an external consultant for a major global tire manufacturer, supporting enterprise platform operations across North and Central America.

- Provided platform administration and user support across multiple regions
- Handled user provisioning, permissions, reporting, and data queries
- Delivered consistent service in a client-facing consultancy role

Customer Solutions Specialist — Asurion

Apr 2015 – Jan 2020 | USA

Developed the customer communication and problem-solving skills that later became a foundation for technical consultancy work.

- Managed end-to-end customer interactions including claims processing and resolution
- Built the communication and service skills that directly contributed to success in later engineering and consultancy roles

EDUCATION

Master of Science — JAMK University of Applied Sciences

Aug 2024 – Nov 2025 | Finland

Thesis: Command Event Query Separation, A Framework for Modeling Scalable Services. Proposed CEQS, extending Clean Architecture, EDA, DDD, and CQRS with events as first-class citizens. Validated through a Kotlin-based community management prototype using Design Science Research.

Bachelor of Science — Middle Tennessee State University

Jan 2016 – Jan 2019 | USA

Focus on software engineering, algorithms, and systems design.

SKILLS

Distributed Backend Engineering - Expert / Scala, Kotlin, Akka, CQRS, Event Sourcing, DDD, Microservices, Cloud & Data - Advanced / Azure, Docker, Cassandra, Elasticsearch, PostgreSQL, Event Hub, Frontend & Mobile - Advanced / React, TypeScript, React Native, Tailwind CSS, CMS Architecture - Advanced / Strapi, Payload CMS, Headless CMS Design, AI-Augmented Engineering - Advanced / LLM-assisted development, prompt engineering, automated test generation, AI-driven prototyping

LANGUAGES

English (Native or Bilingual), Spanish (Native or Bilingual), Finnish (A1)

CERTIFICATIONS

Finnish Language Certificate — TE-toimistot

Mar 2022 – Mar 2022

Completed structured Finnish language studies.

LINKS

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