Albert Popkov

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Hardworking, self-motivated software engineer and entrepreneur with 35+ years of experience in software development, cloud computing, and scalable system architecture. Founder of Odnoklassniki and Sravni, with a proven track record of building large-scale platforms serving millions of users.

Experience

Freelance Software Engineer — *London, UK / International (Current)*

- Bespoke systems architecture and software development
- Cloud services (AWS / Azure / GCP, Kubernetes / Serverless)
- Web and AI development (NodeJS, various CMS systems, bots integration)
- SQL and NoSQL databases and data warehouses
- Multi-platform mobile applications (Flutter / Dart / React Native)

Sravni.ru Ltd — *Moscow, Russia / International*

Founder, CEO *(2009 – 2015)*

- Leading financial services and insurance comparison website in Russia
- Real-time rate calculations for 3,500+ financial products from 900+ banks
- Scalable system used by millions of people on a regular basis
- Russian National Internet Award (PremiaRuneta, 2009)

Odnoklassniki Ltd — *Moscow, Russia / Riga, Latvia / International*

Founder, CEO *(2006 – 2010)*

- One of the most popular social networks in all ex-USSR countries, honored with numerous awards
- Grew from a prototype to 45M registered users and 9M daily unique visitors
- Founded as a single-developer startup and left it with more than 100 employees
- High-load self-hosted cloud cluster with hundreds of geo-distributed servers

The Number (UK) Ltd — *London, Cardiff, UK / Dublin, Ireland*

Head of Web *(2006 – 2006)*

- 118118, 118888, 118.com, UK directory enquiries services
- One of the most advertised brands in the UK at the time
- Development teams in London, Cardiff, and Dublin

I-CD Publishing (UK) Ltd — *London, UK*

Software developer, Software Director *(2000 – 2006)*

- Largest online directory enquiry service in the UK, 192.com
- Industry awards in the UK in 2004, 2005 and 2006
- Real-time access to over 200M records for over 6M customers
- Passado.com, a major European social network at the time with 4M+ users

Quantum Art — *New York, USA*

Software Development Manager *(1998 – 2000)*

- Simon&Schuster Inc (simonsays.com)
- Canon USA intranet
- PoliceOne.com portal
- Elizabeth Dole 2000 U.S. election campaign website
- Urban Box Office and a few others

TPS/OrgService — *Moscow, Russia*

IT Manager, Software Developer *(1997 – 1998)*

- Websites for the leading Canon and Minolta dealers
- Office network administration
- Intranet services development

Information Technology Labs — *Moscow, Russia*

Senior Software Developer *(1996 – 1997)*

- Virtual environment for schools with PC as a host and old computers as terminals
- Embedded telemetry system for multiple thermal power plants in Moscow
- Telegraph and telex modem for Soviet and Russian railroads

Science and Research Institute of Digital Machines — *Moscow, USSR*

Leading Software Engineer *(1989 – 1996)*

- Over 100 educational and gaming software releases used all over USSR
- System software for school computers, including Korvet and gaming sets
- Drivers for early Soviet PC computers

Certifications

- AWS Certified Solutions Architect – Associate
- CKAD Certified Kubernetes Application Developer
- 11 Microsoft certifications (outdated)
- Others like Adobe/Macromedia/Allaire (outdated)