

# IVÁN GONZÁLEZ SÁIZ

SENIOR SOFTWARE ENGINEER & ENGINEERING LEAD

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## INFO

Based: **Gijón (Asturias), Spain**

Professional experience: **15 years**

Last review: **2025-05-01**

## CONTACT

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## BIO

**Senior Software Engineer** and **Engineering Lead** with **15 years** of experience, scaling **high-performing remote teams**, designing **distributed** and **scalable** backend architectures, and **mentoring engineers**. Proven track record of **delivering impact-driven solutions** using different tech stacks and modern cloud infrastructure. Adept at defining **technical roadmaps**, **optimizing system performance**, and fostering **collaborative engineering cultures**. Passionate about **DEI and Belonging**, **mental health awareness**, and **industry mentorship**.

## CORE SKILLS

### Leadership & Strategy

Engineering Leadership, Team Growth, Career Development, Hiring, Remote Team Building, Cross-Functional Collaboration, Technical Roadmaps.

### Software Development

Elixir, Phoenix Framework, Ruby on Rails, Python, Microservices, Distributed Systems, API Design.

### Frontend Development

JavaScript, React, Next.js, React Native.

### Infrastructure & DevOps

PostgreSQL, MySQL, AWS, Docker, CI/CD, System Scalability, Cloud Architecture.

### Community & Advocacy

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI), Mental Health Awareness, Career Coaching.

## EXPERIENCE

### **Remote – Engineering Team Leader**

JAN 2022 – MAY 2025 (3 years & 4 months)

- Led and scaled the Time & Attendance domain from one to two teams, going from four to eight engineers.
- Co-owned quarterly roadmaps with Product and Design; translated priorities into pragmatic architecture and clear execution plans.
- Led talent acquisition efforts, improved hiring and onboarding processes.

**Main technologies:** Elixir, Phoenix Framework, JavaScript, React, Next.js, PostgreSQL.

### **Factorial HR – Engineering Director**

JUL 2021 – DEC 2021 (6 months)

- Directed the Time Tracking engineering team across backend and frontend in a remote-first setup.
- Owned technical strategy and day-to-day operations for a team of four, aligning execution with product goals and clear delivery targets.
- Strengthened recruitment pipeline, increasing successful hires.

**Main technologies:** Ruby, Ruby on Rails, React, React Native, MySQL.

### **Lingokids – Engineering Lead**

NOV 2020 – JUL 2021 (9 months)

- Managed backend and frontend scaling, leading a team of three engineers.
- Designed and optimized APIs, improving system performance.

**Main technologies:** Ruby, Ruby on Rails, Python, React Native, AWS, PostgreSQL.

### **Bizneo HR – Senior Software Engineer**

FEB 2017 – APR 2020 (3 years & 3 months)

- Built and scaled the Bizneo HR Suite from scratch with Elixir and Phoenix.
- Collaborated with executives to shape the MVP and scale both the platform and the team from two to eight engineers.

**Main technologies:** Elixir, Phoenix Framework, JavaScript, React, Ruby, AWS, PostgreSQL.

## OTHER EXPERIENCES

### **Lingokids – Senior Backend Developer**

APR 2020 – NOV 2020 (8 months)

### **The Cocktail – Backend Developer**

MAY 2014 – OCT 2016 (2 years & 6 months)

### **Talento Corporativo – R&D Software Developer**

OCT 2010 – APR 2014 (3 years & 7 months)

## EDUCATION

### **U.N.E.D.** – *University Expert in Artificial Intelligence*

OCT 2012 – JUN 2013, Online

### **Oviedo University** – *Computer Science Engineering*

SEP 2005 – JUN 2009, Asturias (Spain)

### **I.E.S. N° 1** – *Associate's Degree (Technical) Certification in Computer Science*

SEP 2003 – JUN 2005, Asturias (Spain)

## VOLUNTEERING & OTHERS

### **Mentor Cruise** – *Mentor*

JAN 2024 – PRESENT

Mentor software engineers to improve their technical skills, navigate career transitions, or advise on how to build their products.

### **Coding Coach** – *Mentor*

JUN 2019 – JUN 2022

Mentor for new developers interested in backend technologies like **Elixir**, **Ruby**, and their respective web frameworks.

### **FabadaConf** – *Co-Founder & Organizer*

APR 2018 – APR 2020

Annual software engineering conference in Gijón, Spain.

### **Elixir Asturias** – *Founder & Organizer*

JUN 2018 – JUN 2020

Meetup group to share experiences and knowledge about **Elixir**, **Phoenix Framework**, **Erlang**, and more.

### **Folks Who Code** – *Co-Founder & Organizer*

SEP 2017 – SEP 2020

An organization that aims for a richer and diverse tech community.

## LANGUAGES

**Spanish** – *Native.*

**English** – *Professional working proficiency.*