



# ELENA SOKOLOVA

## Software Developer

Senior developer with 9 years across fintech and healthtech, focused on backend services and data pipelines. Tech lead for a 6-person team and the person other engineers ping when an incident gets weird.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### EDUCATION

B.S. Computer Engineering, University of Minnesota, 2015

### KEY SKILLS

- Java, Python, Kotlin
- Kafka, Airflow, Spark
- PostgreSQL, DynamoDB, Snowflake
- AWS (EKS, Lambda, RDS, S3)
- Terraform, Helm, ArgoCD
- Datadog, Splunk, PagerDuty
- API and event-driven design
- Tech lead, mentoring, RFC authoring
- SOC 2 controls

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### Senior Software Developer I 2021 - Present

Northstar Claims Platform, Minneapolis, MN

- Lead developer on the claims ingestion service, which processes around 2.4 million EDI documents per month.
- Cut p95 latency on the eligibility API from 1.9s to 320ms by replacing a cached SOAP call with a denormalized read model.
- Designed and rolled out the team's RFC process; we've shipped 22 RFCs in 18 months.
- Run weekly 1:1s with two mid-level developers and sit on the hiring loop for backend roles.
- Owned SOC 2 evidence collection for the engineering controls during our 2023 audit.

#### Software Developer I 2018 - 2021

Kettle & Park Financial, St. Paul, MN

- Built the ACH return-handling service in Java and Kafka, which still runs in production.
- Reduced nightly batch job runtime from 6 hours to about 90 minutes by parallelizing per-merchant processing.
- Wrote the on-call onboarding doc that's now used by every new backend hire.
- Promoted from Developer II to Senior in 2020.

#### Software Developer I 2015 - 2018

Holderness Health Systems, Bloomington, MN

- Maintained a legacy HL7 integration layer used by 14 hospital clients.
- Migrated reporting jobs off of cron and into Airflow.
- Filled in as scrum master for two quarters while the team manager was on leave.