

Andrew Vos

Senior full-stack developer

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About

I am a passionate software developer with over a decade of experience. Ruby is my preferred language, but I enjoy go, javascript, and some others.

For work I enjoy delivering simple well tested software on time and under budget.

NOTE: I have recently moved to Cornwall, so I am only taking on remote work.

Interests:

- Cycling
- Dogs
- Writing code on prototyping boards... Wemos, Arduino etc.
- Playing with my .vimrc and writing scripts for Arch Linux

I like working with

- Ruby, JavaScript, React, HTML, Tailwind CSS, Go
- Postgres, ElasticSearch, MongoDB
- Git, Mercurial, TFS
- Kakoune
- Heroku, Ubuntu, ArchLinux, CoreOS, Docker, Vagrant, Puppet, Chef

Experience

ChangeLab - 17 May 2021 to present

- Worked on Democracy
- Worked on PinPoint

Florence (permanent) - 19 May 2020 to 6 May 2021

- Built <https://rota.florence.co.uk> in Rails with React and Tailwind 2 and migrated all users over from the original Staff Smarter.

Florence - 23 March 2020 to 18 May 2020

- Built <https://www.staffsmarter.co.uk/> in Rails with Bootstrap.
- Built the National Care Force site (<https://www.nationalcareforce.co.uk/>) with plain Rails.

Featurist - 5th February 2018 to 17th March 2019

- Working on a project for an undisclosed client

Honeycomb.tv - 24 July 2017 to 15th December 2017

- Started off as a Developer then became Tech Lead on the Product Growth team
- Responsibilities:
 - Team of six
 - Making the product infrastructure more stable
 - Fixing painful performance issues in production
 - Multiple regional product expansion projects

Featurist - 23rd January 2017 to 2nd June 2017

- Rewrote the entire website at foreignexchange.com for Gain Capital
- Foreign exchange money transfer service

Pension Wise - 20th September 2016 to 20th January 2017

- Created a telephone appointment booking system for The Pensions Advisory Service.
- Source is available at https://github.com/guidance-guarantee-programme/telephone_appointment_planner

GDS (Government Digital Service) - 4th October 2015 to 25th May 2016

- Created a content management system for the [Government Service Design Manual](#).
- Source is available at <https://github.com/alphagov/service-manual-publisher>

Featurist - 2nd September 2015 to 9th September 2015

- Short contract rewriting a site for a large pharmaceutical company

Fullsix London - 29th June 2015 to 19th August 2015

- Major new feature development for homemadebyyou.co.uk

Featurist - 28th May 2013 to 3rd February 2015

- Wrote the shopa.com Rails app
- Managed all the infrastructure, including extensive use of Docker, AWS, Heroku
- Wrote many microservices (mostly in Golang) that would pull data for hundreds of millions of products from popular affiliate networks and populate Elasticsearch / Postgres databases.
- Wrote an image server to handle millions of image requests and control the downloading/resizing of them in Go

Sky - 24th September 2012 to 27th May 2013

- Worked across three different teams teaching BDD to developers, using Cucumber and Ruby.
- Helped with the recruitment of a large number of staff.
- Wrote software to enable functional testing of Android Applications (<https://github.com/AndrewVos/acouchi>).

BBC News - 30th August 2011 to 20th August 2012

- Worked with the Responsive News team to help teach the use of BDD/TDD.
- Helped with recruitment of contractors and permanent developers.
- We redesigned the BBC News site using responsive design techniques to allow the site to work on a large range of mobile phones.
- Set up an automated load testing build configuration using Tsung. This build runs a few times every night and allows us to find out if any code changes during the day have negatively impacted our project.
- Designed a vagrant / puppet configuration to automatically provision sandbox environments for developers to run their code on.
- Trained testers in the use of Capybara so that they could automate some of their manual tests.
- Ran various code dojos to help developers learn Ruby, BDD and TDD.
- Helped the team move over from Subversion to Git.
- Wrote rake tasks to automatically deploy our code to test environments after a successful build.
- Worked on a REST api to list news stories by location for the News Summer Labs project.

ITV - 14th June 2010 to 29th August 2011

- Worked on a team writing MRSS integration to allow the BBC to link to ITV videos.
- Worked with a team of ThoughtWorks developers to bring continuous delivery to our team and also improve coding standards throughout the team.
- Setup of a TeamCity CI server with a small build server farm. We also set up multiple build status monitors to show the state of the build and also the state of our various staging environments.
- Automated one-click deployment for all of our staging/production environments (production is still in progress).
- Automated the build process for itv.com.
- Training developers in the use of Cucumber, Capybara and Ruby and promoting Acceptance Testing as part of the development process.
- Worked with Akamai using their HLS streaming product to enable people with iOS devices to view streaming adaptive video.

dotCommerce - 24th August 2009 to 13th June 2010

- Integration of our framework into pre-sliced sites and the coding of any functionality for these sites.

eForte Limited - 5th March 2009 to 24th August 2009

- Small agency
- Contract web development

WickedOrange - 2008 to 2009

- Freelance web design and development
- Wrote the very popular StartMenuEx start menu replacement for Windows.

LandscaperPro - 2005 to 2008

- Created a profitable startup which wrote and sold landscape design software (called LandscaperPro) to the South African gardening industry.

Open Source Work

- <https://github.com/AndrewVos/markdown-expander>
- <https://github.com/AndrewVos/ancientcitadel>
- <https://github.com/AndrewVos/garrison>
- <https://github.com/BBC/spassky>
- <https://github.com/AndrewVos/docu>
- <https://github.com/BBC-News/Wally>
- <https://github.com/AndrewVos/metherd-missing>
- <https://github.com/sthulbourn/anmo>
- <https://github.com/AndrewVos/arduino-tools>
- <https://github.com/AndrewVos/komainu>
- <https://github.com/AndrewVos/oni>