

# Damir Svrtan

Backend Team Lead

## COMMUNITY WORK

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### [Ruby Zagreb Meetup Organizer](#)

2013 - Present

### [Stack Overflow Contributor](#) (Top 8%)

Helping the community with answers related to Ruby and Rails.

## EDUCATION

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M.S. Software  
Engineering  
University of Zagreb  
2012 - 2014

Built a bi-directional web framework in Ruby for my master thesis. The web framework was built on top of Rack used for working with real-time data using web-sockets.

B.S. Software  
Engineering  
University of Zagreb  
2008 - 2012

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### Backend Team Lead - [Infinum](#)

April 2015 - Present

- Leading a web oriented Ruby/Elixir team (grown from 4 to 8 members)
- Instituting best practices such as code reviews, pull requests, automated testing and other code quality monitors
- Increasing overall team knowledge by mentoring and onboarding new developers
- Software architecture decision making and technical leadership on web based projects
- Tech lead on a startup featured on TechCrunch Disrupt London 2015
- Highly involved in the recruitment and hiring process

### Rails Course Instructor - [Infinum Student Academy](#)

July 2015 - August 2015

- Held lectures on a month long course on web app development with Ruby On Rails
- Coordinated and led a team responsible for creating and reviewing student homeworks

### Rails Developer - [Infinum](#)

July 2013 - April 2015

- Built web applications for U.S. based startups
- Built the Ruby SDK for the Stormpath Authentication Service (a Silicon Valley startup)
- Developed Phrasing, an open source inline content editing Rails engine

## OPEN SOURCE

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### [Fasterer](#)

2015

Popular static analysis tool built for suggesting speed improvements in Ruby code

### [Rails Handbook](#)

2016

Describing the development process used by the Infinum Rails team.

### [Phrasing](#)

2013

Inline content editing engine built with Ruby On Rails.

## CERTIFICATES

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CS169.2x, Advanced  
Software as a Service  
EDX, Berkley Online

CS169.1x, Engineering  
Software as a Service  
EDX, Berkley Online

## CONTACT DETAILS

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## CONFERENCE SPEAKING

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For a complete list of my talks please visit my [website](#).

Stateless Authentication w/ JSON Web Tokens  
[Southeast Ruby conference](#) in Nashville  
2017

Building Ruby Bots on AWS Lambda  
[NYC.rb](#)  
2017

Stop Wasting Time Not Writing Tests  
[We Are Developers Conference](#) in Vienna  
Gave this talk at multiple other confs such as [Ruby Conf Lithuania](#),  
[Webcamp Zagreb](#) and [Voxxed Days Belgrade](#).  
2017

Reinventing the Bootcamp Idea  
[Rails Israel](#) in Tel Aviv  
2016

Two Lines of Defense  
[Quest For Quality](#) in Ljubljana  
2016

## TECHNICAL WRITING

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My articles have been featured in multiple newsletters such as the Ruby Weekly (featured 8 times), Technically Speaking, Green Ruby as well as the Ruby 5 podcast. For a complete list please visit my [website](#).

[Don't send proposals at the last moment](#)  
2017

[Trends in Ruby - analyzing rubygems stats for 2015](#)  
2016

[Better login forms without security risks](#)  
2016

[Top 8 tools for Ruby on Rails code optimization](#)  
2014