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Experience

Hoppinger

ROTTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

IT & Strategy Consultant

Apr '12 - present

At Hoppinger my core task is to draw and implement technical vision that fits the company's growth ambitions. I do so directly under the technical director. On a day to day basis that means that I: overlook the architectures of the larger projects, educate their developers and bring their operations inline with best practices.

Intellecap/ISTPL

Mumbai, Pune & Hyderabad, India

IT Consultant

Nov '08 – Feb '09

Intellecap is a social-sector advisory firm serving corporates, non-profits, development agencies and governments working in developing markets. I assessed their software development team and methodologies, trained their developers and build several web applications. One of those apps is Mostfit, an open source MIS for microcredit lenders.

IT & Strategy Consultant

Jan '10 – Aug '11

Mostfit became a success and I was called in to solve several technical challenges, look at potential growth strategies, and assist in making a business case for this product in a company of its own.

Chief Technology Officer

Oct '11 - Apr '1

Joined the C-family to make Mostfit the nr.1 software solution for micro credit lenders around the globe. The investor (Intellecap) decided to replace the management team after a disagreement with the CEO.

Zarafa

Delft, The Netherlands

QA & Release Manager

Dec '09 – Jan '11

Zarafa might be the fastest growing open source product company in Europe. For an open source enthusiast like myself, working with Zarafa is a wonderful opportunity. Reporting directly to the CEO, Brian Josef, and working closely with the CTO, Steve Hardy, I drove the change to test automation and continuous integration. Furthermore I architected new documentation and translation systems. My Indian work experiences proved particularly valuable, as I was sent to analyze and streamline their outsourced operations in India.

Dharma Publishing

NEAR SAN FRANCISCO (CA), USA

IT Consultant

Nov '09 – Dec '09

Dharma Publishing, the worlds largest Buddhist publisher, is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization that helps to preserve Tibetan Buddhism and culture. I build them a web store, and moved the infrastructure of all their web media to a nearly zero maintenance setup that they can maintain themselves.

KDE

edu.kde.org/kturtle

Software Engineer

Dec '03 – present

KTurtle is an educational programming environment that simplifies learning the basics of programming. At early age I learned programming using MSX-LOGO, by creating KTurtle I want to ensure future generation's access to a similar piece of software. I was honored when KTurtle got admitted to KDE in 2003.

Truetopia Project

truetopiaproject.org

Initiator

Nov '07 – Apr '10

The Truetopia Project is an open source web application (Rails) to facilitate self-governing communities. It provides a workflow for collaborative problem identification and solution design.

Dhurakij Pundit University International College

BANGKOK, THAILAND

Guest Lecturer

Sen 'o

Dr. Pilun Piyasirivej and Mr. Michel Bauwens invited me to give two guest lectures: one on the open source movement and one on the semantic web.

Opendream

BANGKOK, THAILAND

IT Consultant

Aug '09 - Sep '09

Architected and largely implemented an open source media sharing web service (REST api) that facilitates video uploads, transcoding and streaming. Coached their development team on system design, Ruby development (using Merb/Rails) and testing strategies such as TDD/BDD.

Commuun

ROTTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

Senior Visionary

Jul '06 - Sep '09

I helped Peter Duijnstee (the proprietor of Commuun) with setting up the technical infrastructure, defining the core competences and creating a brand for his internet company. We collaborated on several web applications (all Rails apps) within the context of his company.

Erasmus University Rotterdam

ROTTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

Guest Lecturer

Jul '06 – Jul '09

Yearly guest lectures on the phenomenon of open source, as part of the first year curriculum of *Computer Science & Economics*.

LIP Automatisering

Breda, The Netherlands

Software Auditor

Sep '06

Audited their flag ship product LIP Suite: an ERP solution for construction companies.

The Health Agency

Delft & Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Software Engineer

Jun '05 – Feb '06

I worked on their innovative content management system (CMS) targeted towards the health care sector. It is developed from scratch in Python and uses PostgreSQL, XML/XSLT and Twisted.

Software Auditor

Dec '06

Assessed their Python/Zope/ZoDB-based web framework re-engineering project.

Please refer to my Linkedin profile for the complete list of work experiences along with recommendations.

Education

Erasmus University Rotterdam

ROTTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

Bachelor degree in Computer Science & Economics

2004 - 2007

Focussed on the economics of open source, rapid application development (RAD) and the semantic web technology stack (RDF/RDFS, OWL and SPARQL).

Technical University Delft

Delft, The Netherlands

Industrial Design Engineering (discontinued)

2001 - 2002

Libanon Lyceum

ROTTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

VWO (pre-university secondary education)

1994 – 2000

Skills

Technical specialties: Software design and implementation, with(in) a team. I love Ruby/Python/Java/C++ and flirt regularly with Haskell. Solid knowledge of web technologies: HTML+CSS, JSON, XML, RDF, REST, SOAP and JavaScript (mainly with jQuery). Linux administration skills: bash, Apache, MySQL, PostgresSQL, virtualization/cloud (OpenVZ, VMware, KVM, Xen and EC2), datacenter automation (Puppet and Chef), automated deployment (Capistrano and Vlad), continuous integration (Hudson/Jenkins).

Natural languages: Dutch (mother tongue), English (full professional proficiency), German (limited working proficiency), French (elementary proficiency) and Mandarin Chinese (beginner).

Interests

Non-exhaustive and in alphabetical order: Art, Buddhism, cryptography, music, open source, philosophy, software engineering, travel, typography (e.g. graphic design, LATEX), UI/UX and vegetarian cooking.