

# Tobias Pfeiffer

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## About

I am a leader & full-stack engineer deeply interested in agile methodologies, web technologies, software crafting and teaching. I'm happiest when I can remove blockers for the team and the client. I am fascinated with the human side of software development and love creating products that help people. I create and contribute to a variety of open source projects, engage in a multitude of community events, and enjoy attending and [speaking](#) at conferences.

### Twitter

[@PragTob](https://twitter.com/PragTob)

### GitHub

[PragTob](https://github.com/PragTob)

### Blog

[PragTob](#)

## Work

### Shopify

08/2020 — current

[www.shopify.com](https://www.shopify.com)

#### Staff Developer

Accelerate international growth by helping merchants all over the globe.

### Self-employed

08/2019 — 07/2020

#### Freelance Leader, Developer & Consultant

Consulting, Teaching and Development. Up for interim CTO/Leader position as well as teaching and developing products.

### Highlights

- Helped a company develop their first Elixir project, introducing the technology to the team.
- Open Source Work on [SimpleCov](#) thanks to [Ruby Together](#)
- Consult on the design, architecture & implementation of an OSS project, including implementing changes

Lifelong

11/2017 — 2/2018

Liefery

11/2017 — 2/2019

[www.liefery.com](http://www.liefery.com)

### Tech Lead

Led a team of 15 together with the CTO, handling the day-to-day needs of the team.

#### Highlights

- Helped, mentored & guided colleagues through 1o1s, pairing sessions, pull request reviews and knowledge sharing sessions
- Ran retrospective and iteration meetings, continuously adapting and improving processes
- Architected and designed features with the squads
- Monitored application performance and fixed performance problems
- Screened and interviewed candidates
- Gathered problems and requirements to define and discuss solutions
- Ran integration projects with customers and other involved parties

Liefery

01/2017 — 11/2017

[www.liefery.com](http://www.liefery.com)

### Senior Software Developer

Helped operations and partners deliver packages on the same day.

#### Highlights

- Built and maintained applications to track shipments, plan tours and manage all required logistics data in Ruby on Rails, Elixir and Phoenix as well as JavaScript (AngularJS, React)
- Stepped in for the CTO during a sabbatical
- Identified and fix performance bottlenecks
- Ran retrospective and others meetings

bitcrowd

01/2015 — 10/2016

[bitcrowd.net](http://bitcrowd.net)

### Software Engineer

Built applications, helping companies blossom. Worked as part of a team or team lead on customer projects big and small.

Introduced practices such as retrospectives and CI-servers and mentored juniors.

Self-employed

05/2013 — 09/2018

### Part-Time Freelancer

Occasionally projects related to teaching programming, such as an introductory course at Humboldt-University Berlin.

## Volunteer

Conference

05/2012 — current

### Speaker, Program Committee Member & Organizer

I like to speak at conferences to share knowledge and spread ideas. I have spoken at conferences such as Ruby On Ice, Lambdadays, Polyconf and Full Stack Fest ([overview of my talks](#)). I also helped organize JRubyConf & eurucamp 2015 and was a member of the program committee of GOTO Berlin 2014.

### Open Source

06/2012 — current

[GitHub](#)

#### Creator, Maintainer & Contributor

I live and breathe Open Source and contribute to a variety of projects. This is a selection of bigger projects I maintain.

#### Highlights

- [benchee](#) a powerful and extensible benchmarking library for elixir and erlang
- [Shoes](#) an easy to use GUI toolkit written in JRuby that I also participated in [Google Summer of Code](#) with
- [simplecov](#) the popular ruby code coverage tool

### Ruby User Group Berlin

10/2012 — current

[rug-b.de](#)

#### Main Organizer

A monthly meetup about Ruby and related technologies, with anywhere between 40-120 attendees. Co-created the [Berlin Code of Conduct](#) to ensure and promote a safe environment.

### Rails Girls / code curious

06/2012 — current

[railsgirlsberlin.de](#)

#### Coach & Mentor

Rails Girls helps to diversify the tech community by helping beginners to get in touch with programming. I coach at workshops and since 2013 I also coach a weekly project group, the [rubycorns](#), helping attendees grow into Juniors & beyond.

## Education

### Hasso Plattner Institute

2008 — 2014

#### Bachelor & Master in IT-Systems Engineering

#### Final Grade:

1.2 (A)

#### Specialization:

Software Architecture &amp; Internet Security

#### Thesis:

Collaborative Learning in a Massive Open Online Course environment

### Blekinge Institute of Technology

08/2011 — 03/2012

#### ERASMUS Master in Software Engineering

#### Specialization:

Agile Software Project Management

# Skills

## Engineering Practices

- agile Software Development (XP/Scrum)
- Test Driven Development (RSpec, ExUnit, Jasmine...)
- Pair Programming
- Version Control (git)

## Programming

- Object Oriented Programming (Ruby, Smalltalk)
- Functional Programming (Elixir, functional JavaScript)
- Web frameworks (Ruby on Rails, Phoenix)
- Design Patterns

## Leadership Skills

- Run and moderate meetings such as Retrospectives
- one-on-ones
- Mentoring and Teaching
- Empathy
- Eye for process improvements and bottle necks

## Web Development

- JavaScript
- React
- Angular
- HTML
- CSS

# Languages

## **German**

Native Speaker

## **English**

Full working proficiency

## **Swedish**

Limited Working  
proficiency

## **French**

Basic knowledge