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Full-Stack Developer (JavaScript/Ruby)

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Bio

Hey, my name is Simon! 👋

I'm a full-stack developer (javascript/ruby) with an expertise in front-end (react/vue).

I'm highly motivated, have a strong work ethic and think along with your company. Not only to help solve software-related problems but also in creating checklists, automating repetitive work and organising information for others to reduce waste of resources (time, energy & money).

I'd describe my personality as creative, organised, analytical and calm. If you'd believe an MBTI-test, it would label me as an INTJ.
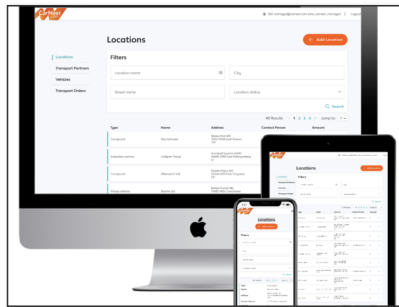
My Specialities 🤓

HTML, CSS, Javascript, React/Vue, Typescript, Node, Ruby, Rails, Gatsby, Contentful, Jenkins, Docker, WordPress & Bash scripting. What I lack in skills or don't understand yet, I can figure out pretty quickly.
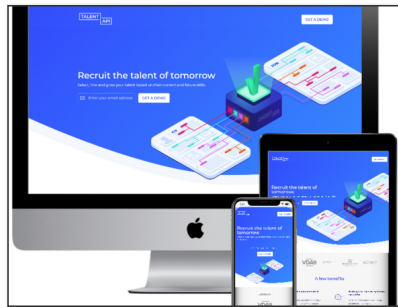
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Personal site 🔗: https://simonsomlai.com/en

My latest projects;
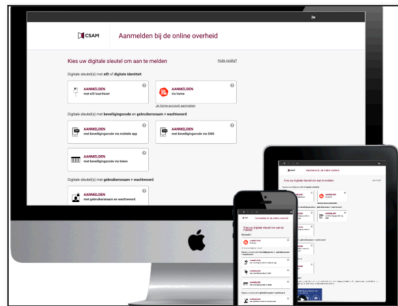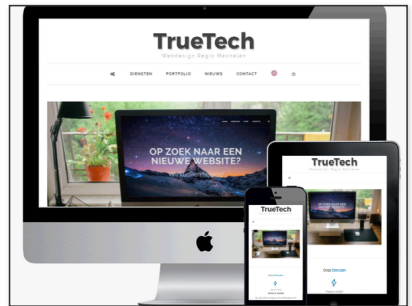

Carnext

Radix

Van De Velde

Zappware

Fedict

TrueTech

Work History

Web Developer @ Carnext
Antwerp BE | April 2020 - Current

See project details

For CarNext we created a new inventory management system from scratch which helps to manage their fleet of around 200 000 vehicles, in 7 countries spread over 2500 locations

(react, typescript)

Web Developer @ Radix
Brussels BE | Feb 2020 - April 2020 (3 mos)

See project details

Radix is an AI consulting company that helps companies utilize the power behind machine learning. I worked on a SaaS called 'Talent API' that recruitment agencies can use to screen candidates for certain job vacancies.

(vue, react, gatsby)

Web Developer @ Van De Velde
Ghent BE | Apr 2019 - Jan 2020 (10 mos)

See project details

At Van De Velde my responsibilities were adding new features to the B2B/B2C webshop that is built on a combination of react, contentful and a java microservices back-end.

(react, contentful)

Web Developer @ Zappware
Hasselt BE | Aug 2017 - Mar 2019 (1 yr 8 mos)

See project details

At Zappware I got the chance to contribute to their "One-TV" platform. It is basically an ecosystem of different client devices (web, android, ios, STB, ...) that allow the user to discover and play content from different sources.

(react, graphql)

Web Developer @ Vlaamse Overheid
Brussels BE | May 2017 - Aug 2017 (4 mos)

See project details

For Fedict, I worked on converting designs into code for the belgian government.

(gulp, grunt, nunjucks)

Web Developer @ IDA MediaFoundry
Antwerp BE | May 2017 - Feb 2020 (2 yrs 10 mos)

See company site

At IDA I got the opportunity to build kick-ass applications for big clients using the latest technologies in an awesome team!

(react, vue, angular, node)

Web Developer @ TrueTech
Antwerp BE | Feb 2016 - Aug 2017 (1 yr 1 mo)

See project details

Whilst getting close to graduating, I started my own company to gain some real world experience in all aspects of running a business;

- Value creation through web development (HTML, CSS, JS/JQuery and PHP)
- Marketing/sales
- Value delivery & Customer satisfaction
- Finance/legal

During this time I created several WordPress-based sites for small businesses in my area, worked on several freelance contracts and build some own side projects.

(ruby, rails, wordpress)

Blogging & Creative Writing
Antwerp BE | Sep 2013 - Sep 2015

TrueTech, Personal Site & others

In my spare time I've honed my written communication, marketing and seo skills by creating several hundreds of articles on personal and business improvement. Here's a selection of articles I have written;

- http://addicted2success.com/success-advice/10-powerful-habits-of-the-ultra-successful/
- https://www.simonsomlai.com/en/how-to-improve-each-area-of-your-business
- https://www.simonsomlai.com/en/10-essential-elements-of-a-great-website
- https://www.simonsomlai.com/en/best-vs-code-editor-extensions

Education/Degrees

Professional Bachelor Sports & Movement
Sep 2012 - Sep 2016

HOWEST UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

During my higher education I learned about different training methods, nutritional guidance, (sport) marketing, anatomy, physiology, general psychology and entrepreneurship.

At this time I also picked up courses (html, css & javascript) from the master in computer science as I got to know myself (and my strengths) better. I completed these with recommendations from the teacher.

Certificate Business Management   Dec 2015 - Feb 2016
Central Examination Board

To be able to start my own business in college, I had to get a certificate for business management. So after my school ended, I took additional classes in insurance, law & bookkeeping.

Student Web Developer   Sep 2015 - Mar 2016
The Odin Project

At the Odin Project, I followed an intensive 7-month course and learned the following technical skills;

- HTML, CSS & Javascript/JQuery
- Ruby, Ruby on Rails and database interactions
- OOP, Data structures and TDD
- Software version control using git

Most of the things I've built during this period can still be found on github

Math & Sciences (Secondary Ed.)   Sep 2006 - Jul 2012
College Hagelstein

During my secondary eduction I followed a curriculum which focused on mathematics and sciences (chemistry, biology & physics). A good foundation for critical thinking.

Web-Development

Knowledge: HTML, (S)CSS, Javascript (ES6), React/Vue, Flowtype/Typescript, Node, Ruby, Rails, Contentful, Jenkins, WordPress, & Bash Scripting.
Extra: Flux, Redux, React native, Electron, Bootstrap, Github, Heroku, AWS, Docker, Minitest, Gatsby, Webpack
What can I do with this? Website/webshop/app development & deployment, Managing CI infrastructure (using Jenkins), Webscraping, Web application development & converting designs to HTML

Blogging & Creative Writing

Knowledge: Personal development, Blogging, Article/e-Book Writing, Search engine optimization & Content researching
What can I do with this? Researching & Writing Articles, Content marketing (AIDA model), Written communication, E-book creation, Social media management & Email Marketing

Languages

Dutch: Native or bilingual proficiency. I can read, write, understand and speak it fluently.
English: Native or bilingual proficiency. I can read, write, understand and speak it fluently.
French: Limited working proficiency. I can read and understand it, but it's difficult to write and speak fluently.