Simon Somlai

Full-Stack Developer
(JavaScript/Node/Rails)

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Bio

Hey, my name is Simon!

I'm a full-stack web developer (javascript/node/rails) with an expertise in front-end and am able to create pretty much any website/web-app you can think of. I've started creating websites for local businesses whilst I was still in school and have built up enough experience so far to steer you clear of the biggest pitfalls often made when creating a website/web-app.

I'm highly motivated, have a strong work ethic and try to think along with your company. Not only to help solve software-related problems but also in creating checklists, automating repetitive work and analysing and organising information for others to reduce waste of resources (time, energy & money).
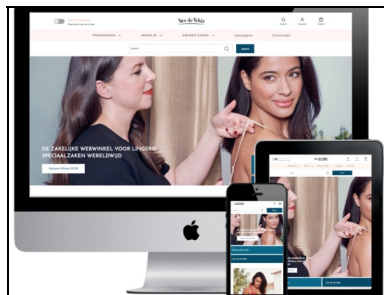
I'd describe my personality as creative, organised, analytical and calm. If you'd believe an MBTI-test, it would label me as an INTJ. I'm also always in for a (dark) joke ;)

My specialities: HTML, (S)CSS, Javascript (ES6), React/Vue, Flowtype/Typescript, Node, Ruby, Rails, Gatsby, Contentful, Jenkins, WordPress, & Bash Scripting. What I lack in skills or don't understand yet, I can figure out pretty quickly.
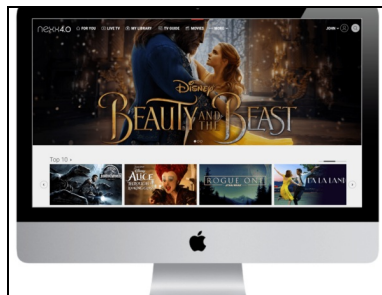
My strengths : Creating systems (checklists/automating things) to reduce waste of resources (time, energy & money), organising & analysing information to solve problems, planning and my direct communication style.

My interests: Health, personal development, technology, writing, psychology, boardgames, rock music, stand-up comedy & science fiction/fantasy.
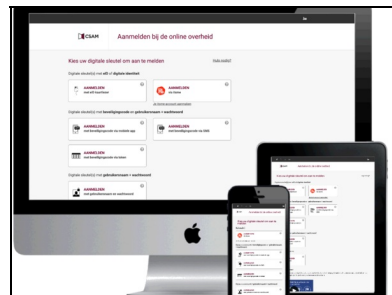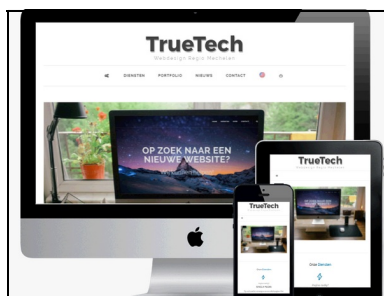
My latest projects;

Van De Velde

Zappware

Fedict

TrueTech

ContentCrawler

CoachApp

Work History

Freelance Web Developer   Feb 2020 - Present

Radix

I'm currently working at radix.ai and helping them build/improve the frontend VueJS application that helps recruiters match candidates for certain vacancies. The matching itself is done through deep learning.

Web Developer

May 2017 - Feb 2020

IDA MediaFoundry NV

After realising I wanted to work on more technically challenging stuff than simply tweaking WordPress sites for the rest of my days, I chose to join IDA MediaFoundry.

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

I've worked on projects for the Belgian government, a live/on demand streaming platform, a multinational B2B e-commerce platform and several internal projects. Please check my portfolio for the latest updates!

Full-stack Web Developer

Feb 2016 - Aug 2017

TrueTech

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.

http://www.truetech.be/en

Blogging & Creative Writing

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

Trainer/Coach

Mar 2014 - Apr 2014

Crossfit Leuven

During my higher education I did an apprenticeship at Crossfit Leuven. This was a great experience where I could work on my leadership, coaching and verbal communication skills in a growing business environment.

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.

Skills

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

Portfolio: https://www.simonsomlai.com/en

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

Personal Training

Knowledge: Training Methods, Nutritional Guidance, Sports Marketing, Anatomy, Physiology, General Psychology & Entrepreneurship
What can I do with this? Nutritional Planning, Workout planning, Health consulting (recuperation, ergonomics , habits, motivation, ...)

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.