Simon Somlai

Full-Stack Developer
(JavaScript/Node/Rails)

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Bio

Hey, my name is Simon!

I'm a full-stack developer (javascript/node/rails) with an expertise in front-end.

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).
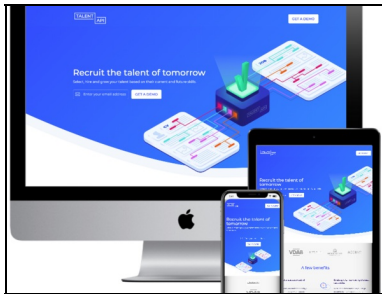
I'd describe my personality as creative, organised, analytical and calm. If you'd believe an MBTI-test, it would label me as an INTJ. I'm also always in for a (dark) joke ;)

My skills: 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.
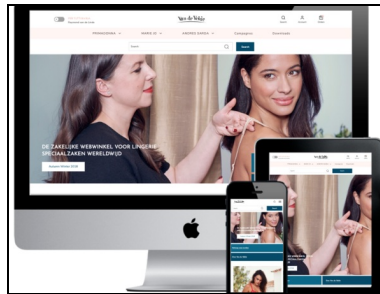
My strengths : Creating systems (checklists/automating things) to reduce waste of resources (time, energy & money), organising & analysing information to solve problems, planning and my direct communication style.

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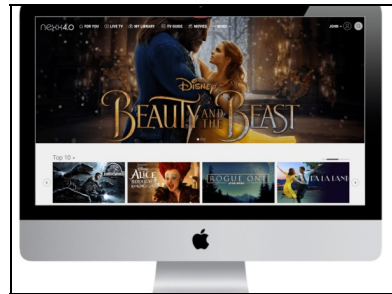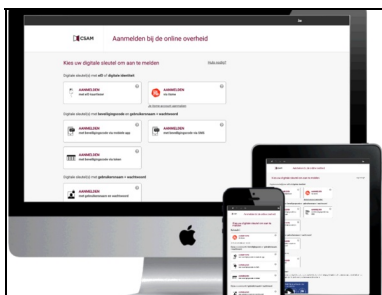
My latest projects;

Radix

Van De Velde

Zappware

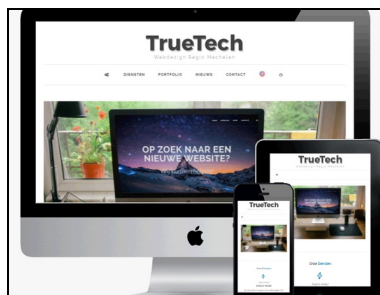**Fedict**

TrueTech

ContentCrawler

Work History

Web Developer @ Radix
Feb 2020 - Present

See project details

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

(**vue, react, gatsby**)

Web Developer @ Van De Velde

See project details   Apr 2019 - Jan 2020 (10 mos)

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   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   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   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   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   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
Central Examination Board   Dec 2015 - Feb 2016

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
The Odin Project   Sep 2015 - Mar 2016

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.)
College Hagelstein   Sep 2006 - Jul 2012

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

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.