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Working experience

Arengu

COFOUNDER

A Coruña

May. 2018 - Present

- Business and ethical marketing development in a startup with 7 employees.
- Main **Arengu** frontend developer, design and UX interaction designer.
- Experience in funding rounds, startups accelerators and working with investors.

MOBGEN

FRONT END DEVELOPER

A Coruña

Oct. 2016 - May. 2018

- Managing frontend team in **HALO**, a backend as a service platform to help in mobile apps development.
- Using React in a complex Redux app with Material UI among other libraries like React Virtualized or Redux Saga.
- Been part of an international team providing services for big clients as AEGON, ABN AMRO or KPN.

Imatia Innovation

FULL STACK WEB DEVELOPER

A Coruña

Feb. 2016 - Oct. 2016

- Developing a platform for trade logistics and forecast calculation for Inditex, one of the biggest textile companies in the world.
- The application was developed using Java + Spring in the backend and Backbone + JQuery and other libraries in the frontend.

VACmatch

COFOUNDER

A Coruña

Oct. 2014 - Feb. 2016

- Developing a web application and mobile hybrid app for sport management using technologies like Scala, React or Reflux.
- Using continuous integration systems (Jenkins and Travis) and Git repositories doing code review with Gerrit and GitHub.
- Working on business strategies based on Free Software.

Advocacy groups

Trackula

PRIVACY AND INTERNET FREEDOM HACKTIVIST

A Coruña / Madrid

Sep. 2017 - Present

- Research and test actions to advocate for privacy issues in real environments.
- Development of apps to raise awareness around privacy and internet freedom.
- Working with international partners to fight against GDPR infringements.

Grupo de Programadores y Usuarios de Linux (GPUL)

COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

A Coruña

Feb. 2012 - Present

- Community creation in one of the biggest Linux Users Group in Spain with more than 500 members.
- Managing meetups and workshops to promote free software, open source hardware and free culture.
- Leading international conferences organization with Free Software communities like KDE, GNOME or X.org.
- Developing and coordinating **GPUL Labs** and **CoruñaHacks**, working with many companies and startups as Igalia or CartoDB.
- Collaboration with NGOs and other associations, helping them to switch to Free Software.
- Lobby to add open technology practices to local and regional institutions.

CoruñaDevelopers, CoruñaJS and other communities

COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

A Coruña

Feb. 2012 - Present

- Spread free software technologies inside other groups
- Collaboration between different communities to promote privacy and open technologies.
- Contacts with other groups, GDGs, galician linux users groups and other spanish free software groups, open source makers and transparency entities as Civio or OpenKratio.

Projects and hosted conferences

Atlántica Conf

A Coruña

NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

Oct. 2019

Planing a medium size conference about open source technologies and best development practices in the northwest of Spain.

esLibre 2019 - Privacy, decentralization and Information sovereignty devroom

Granada

FREE SOFTWARE COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE

Jun. 2019

Trackula is going to manage and coordinate a devroom in esLibre conference, a community based congress about free and open source technologies about privacy and decentralization.

XDC 2018

A Coruña

X.ORG INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Sep. 2018

Hosted main conference from X.org community where most important developers in open source graphic systems meet once a year. In 2017 this event took place in Google offices in Silicon Valley and this year we hosted it in Spain with sponsors like Google, NVIDIA, Valve, Intel or AMD among others.

Akademy 2015

A Coruña

KDE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Jul. 2015

Hosted main conference from KDE community where developers from all over the world in KDE linux desktop community meet once a year. In 2015 we hosted it in Spain for one week and with sponsors like OpenSuse, The QT Company or Google among others.

GUADEC 2012

A Coruña

GNOME INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Jul. 2012

Hosted main conference from GNOME community where developers from all over the world in GNOME linux desktop community meet once a year.

VACmatch Mobile

A Coruña

FINAL DEGREE PROJECT

Dic. 2015 - Present

- Web application to manage sport reports, helping referees to sync all results and statistics in the match with the competition manager web page in real time and even offline.
- An hybrid mobile application built following TDD with React, PouchDB and Jest, deployed as a Docker image under continuous integration with Travis.

Education

SeedRocket and VIAGALICIA

Barcelona/Vigo

STARTUP ACCELERATOR PROGRAMS

Dec. 2017 - Dec. 2018

Getting help with business development and getting in touch with main investors and advisors in spanish ecosystem. 150k € raised by Arengu in a first seed round and starting negotiations for a A series round.

Universidade da Coruña

A Coruña

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Sep. 2009 - Mayo 2016

Learning principles of computation, physics, mathematics and engineering, applied to the resolution of technical problems in creation and development of software, hardware and network architectures.

Telefónica OpenFuture_

Santiago de Compostela

STARTUP ACCELERATOR PROGRAM

Sept. 2014 - Jun. 2015

VACmatch development as an entrepreneur project in a startup incubator, learning about agile methodologies, Lean Startup, startup finances, public speaking, product development and UX among others.

Yuzz - CISE (Centro Internacional Santander Emprendimiento)

A Coruña

STARTUP COMPETITION AND TRAINING

Jan. 2015 - Jun. 2015

Training for startups management, getting 3rd position in local phase.

Given presentations

Flisol

A Coruña

WEB

Apr. 2019

- **1984 is coming. Tools to keep your privacy in internet** Talking about privacy, how, why and who is spying us in the technology world and some tips to improve our privacy in real world and in the internet, plugins and best practices.

Tabakalera SummerLab 2018

San Sebastián

WEB

Jul. 2018

- **1984 is coming. Privacy in the real world** Talking about privacy, how, why and who is spying us in the technology world and some tips to improve our privacy in the real world, outside computers and the internet.

LibreCon

Santiago de Compostela

WEB

Oct. 2017

- **1984 is coming. Privacy as business model?** Gives a vision of some companies with business models based on privacy and some tips to improve clients privacy as developers or companies.

Jornadas de acercamiento teórico-práctico al software y hardware libre en el ámbito socioeducativo

Ourense

WEB 2015, WEB 2016

2016

- **What I am doing in the Open Source world?** Introductory talk about free software and how to contribute to communities.
- **How much to reach 1984?** Privacy introduction in tech.

Akademy-es

A Coruña

WEB

Jul. 2015

- **Free software driving startups.** Free software alternatives for startups and Free Software business models lean on successful stories.

You can see more talks [in this link](#).

Tools and skills

Marketing	Lead generation, increasing conversion rates, email marketing and inbound and outbound marketing
Development	Frontend development: Javascript, React, Redux, Redux Saga
Design	Vectorial design (Inkscape), Image manipulation (Gimp), Design Systems definition, UX interaction tests with real users
Team	Team management, project management and Scrum
Community	Host conferences, meetup management, social networks (Buffer) and communication skills.
Public relations	Press releases for events, experience managing sponsors and publishing blog contents focused on SEO
Product	Product definition based on metrics, product onboarding process and experience growing startups.
Languages	Native Spanish and Galician, English B2