

DAVID TERRANOVA

Engineering manager | Software architect

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Passionate by tech, hands-on manager with **12+ years of experience** of end-to-end software development and 6 years of Go professional experience. Management experience ranging from hands-on mentoring & direct management of **multiple teams up to 25 engineers** and responsible for all aspects of strategy, roadmaps, deliveries, deployments and maintenance of complex software solutions.

Moto: Sometimes failing and always learning.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Engineering Manager

Lokalise | 2024 - Present

People, delivery and culture management of Lokalise new product

- Engineering maturity and predictability
- Roadmap and dependency management
- Ownership, transparency, initiatives and feedback culture promotion

Senior Engineering Manager

Smallpdf | 2021 - 2024
Golang, AWS, Postgres, CQRS

In charge of the the Document legality domain. Extending and managing the domain with a second team. Driving the technical strategy and architecture.

- Promote a culture of transparency, initiatives, autonomy, ownership and accountability
- OKR definition, performance reviews, process improvements
- Share system and software architectures designs to increase engineering maturity
- Share experiences & learnings with other EMs to improve the engineering organization

Engineering Manager

Smallpdf | 2020 - 2021
Golang, AWS, Postgres, CQRS

Hands-on engineering manager, hired a cross functional team and delivered a CQRS & Event sourcing based digital signature solution for **40M+ unique active users per month**.

- Hands-on technical leadership, code reviews, technical discussions
- Estimations, planning, prioritization, delivery, monitoring, maintenance, support
- Team health, professional and personal development, coaching, mentoring

Senior Software Engineer - Backend

Smallpdf | 2020
Golang, AWS, OpenID Connect

Coordinating integrating and extending Keycloak to support our 40M+ monthly unique active users.

- Designing and implementing custom specifications to support product requirements
- Writing extensions and adapters to support existing user management system
- Writing custom authorizers to support seamless migration from legacy authentication system to the new one
- Writing generic middleware to provide authorization to existing backend services

Chief Technology Officer

TellMePlus | 2017 - 2019
Golang, Streaming, k8s

Drive the roadmap, technical strategy and key architecture of Predictive Objects to transform our proof of concept into product. A cloud agnostic platform, available on premise, able to ingest realtime sensors data, compute extended features, build datasets and use supervised machine learning to train Predictive Objects models to anticipate failures on industrial plants.

Engineering Manager - DevOps

TellMePlus | 2015 - 2017
Golang, Python, Terraform

Manage transversal team supporting Predictive Objects in multi cloud environments. Promoted development good practices such as testing, continuous deployment, communication, security guidelines and tooling to the engineering teams.

CTO / Co-Founder

Arksens cyber security | 2014 - 2015
Ruby on rails, Proxmox, Debian, Ansible

Arksens Cyber Security is a digital security vendor for small & medium sized companies. It provides & customizes a set of open source tools and services to help companies autonomously reducing cyber threats by themselves at a controlled cost.

Software Engineer - Backend

TellMePlus | 2013 - 2014
Java, MongoDB

Shopping Intelligence, Recommendation over Big-Data using NoSQL & CHOCO library to produce fined grained recommendation.

Research Engineer

LIRMM - Montpellier Laboratory of Computer Science, Robotics, and Microelectronics | 2013
Java, Choco

Constraint Programming. Demonstrate constraint programming capabilities on concrete business cases.

Software Engineer

Sanofi | 2011 - 2013
Objective-C, SQLite

Created a sqlite based framework for mobile applications designed to compound with security guidelines of clinical studies.

PROJECTS

Artistic Pictures

Photography, Software Development

Capturing the perfect moment, artistic vision in mind

Construction Coordinator / builder

Construction

Design, creation, and construction of my personal house

Le Sonambule, volunteering

Arts - Music

Contributing to make the organisation to offer concerts at a fair price

RECOMMENDATIONS

Mike Pilawski

Mike was David's mentor

David is a great technology leader and an engineering manager. He is a strong architect capable of thinking through complex architectural choices and arriving at simple and reliable solutions. He can take large, complex projects, identify key risks and direct the team through milestones to completion. He is also a great manager who deeply cares for his team and invests time to help his team members grow.

It was a real privilege working with David and I hope I will have the opportunity to do it again.

Jakub Skoczeń

Jakub reported directly to David

David is an exceptional hands-on manager with extensive technical knowledge and a pragmatic approach to problem-solving. He has a talent for building efficient and successful teams full of trust, and his collaborative leadership style inspires great results. I highly recommend him as a skilled and knowledgeable leader.

EDUCATION

MSc in Computer Science - Software Design

EPSI Montpellier (FR)
2009 - 2012

BSc Computer Science - Management

IUT Montpellier (FR)
2007 - 2009

SKILLS

Professional

Technical leadership
Distributed team management
Professional and personal development
Technical strategy
Agile methodologies (scrum/kanban)
Effective communication
Estimation and planning

Technical

Distributed systems
Go/Python/Ruby/Java/Bash
AWS/Google cloud
OAuth2/OpenID Connect
Docker/ECS/k8s
Web services/SOA

LANGUAGES

French (Native)
English (Fluent)

INTERESTS

Motorbike racing
Kitesurfing
Photography
Travelling

