CHIARA SARTA
Ruby on Rails Developer

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About me
I am a developer who loves exploring the power of different languages, and creating poetry within them. I believe in the beauty of code. I am curious, passionate about discovery and eager to learn new things every day. After working as a frontend programmer for almost six years, I decided to take on the challenge to become a backend developer. With four years full time experience, I have become a Ruby on Rails enthusiast, while still looking for new interesting challenges to learn from.

Expertise
- Ability to work with vast, real-world apps on both the backend and frontend side, love to work with APis
- Self-motivated and autonomous worker with strong focus on business goals and end-user experience.
- In-depth understanding of Web 2.0, interface design and user experience
- Excellent capability to relate to people and work in a team
- Great organizational and scheduling skills.
- Curious and always eager to learn and explore

Technical skills
- TDD, Ruby, RSpec, Ruby frameworks, particularly Rails and Sinatra
- Confident in building and using APis and integrating external services
- Databases: PostgreSQL, MySQL, MongoDB, Redis, TransactSQL
- Expert in hand-crafted CSS and HTML code, as well as in frameworks like Bootstrap
- Experienced with Git
- Experienced with Heroku
- Just started learning Elixir and Phoenix
- Basic knowledge of PHP
- Basic knowledge of Javascript, JQuery, CoffeeScript

Work Experience

April 2016 - now
Frontend and backend developer
D:evolute gmbH, Berlin
During this year at D:evolute I have been been working on a variety of different projects. In particular, I have been developing from scratch a Ruby/Sinatra API, which has been very interesting. I have also worked on an Angular app and a Spree Commerce website for a wine shop. I have also been working again on the frontend side, and I have had the chance to include a direct contact with the client to my daily work routine.

July 2014 - February 2016
Backend developer
Autobutler gmbH, Berlin and Copenhagen
During the almost two years I worked at Autobutler I developed and consolidated my skills a lot, working in both the Autobutler site and the API and taking active part in a lot of projects. I implemented integrations with external services, working with third party APIs as well as with the Autobutler iPhone app and I had a lead role in the integration of a new marketing tool for communication with the users.

December 2012 - June 2014	**Junior backend developer / Frontend developer** WorkHub gmbH, Berlin During my time at Workhub I developed a number of features for our community, as well as for the admin section and the project managers. I took responsibility of the namespacing of the main app into a separate engine, and upgraded the app to use the current Bootstrap version. I worked a lot with background jobs and scheduling, been hands deep in the production database, and wrote a lot of RSpec tests for my code. I was also very involved in reviewing code and the deployment process, and I got to use Amazon S3 tools.
September 2007 - April 2013	**Freelance Web developer with focus on frontend** Different companies and own customers For over five years I worked as a freelance developer, both collaborating with a number of agencies in Italy, Germany and the US and managing my own clients. My focus was frontend work during my collaborations with agencies. For the projects where I worked directly with clients I took care of all phases and aspects of the required project: the necessary backend effort, the project managing and the relation to the client.

Education

September 2006 - July 2007	Master Degree Visual and Web Design Scuola Politecnica di Design, Milano
September 1999 - March 2006	Master Degree Communication Studies Università degli Studi Di Torino Final thesis in web development
September 1994 - June 1999	A-level, Math/Physics/Science

Language skills

Italian	Functionally Native Proficiency
English	Advanced Professional Proficiency
German	General Professional Proficiency
Danish	Elementary Proficiency
Finnish	Elementary Proficiency

Interests

Since september 2016 I started coaching a Rails Girls study group called Ruby Sprouts. I always wanted to share what I know and give back to the community that helped me getting to the point I am today. I am very happy about this and I find it awesome to see the participants learn and make progress. From July 2017,
I will be continuing the coaching experience with two of the participants during the Rails Girls Summer of Code.

I have a very strong interest in music. My party time is all about going to concerts, and I have often been travelling around to follow bands I like. I am an avid listener. I am also very keen on photography: from 2008 till 2013 I collaborated with Heiko Laschitzki as assistant during photo shoots for music and fashion.
I also actively contributed as photographer and writer for the online music magazine "Slamrocks!" between 2000 and 2003 and for the punk rock fanzine "Pankerknacker" between 2008 and 2010.
I love reading, independent movies and playing board games.