Rachid Belaid

Software Engineer

(i) INFOS

(1) ABOUT ME

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Master in CS

I am an experienced Python developer with a good database knowledge, with experience in Ops and Javascript. I have a knack for approaching and solving problems with a great attention to detail. I'm always open to learn new technologies which are better suited to solve a problem.

From university to now, I have always been taking on responsibility, and driving new initiatives. I like to be challenged, rolling up my sleeves and getting things done. I'm not afraid to question myself and my code to improve and write better code. I love to share my knowledge or learn from others, and learn new technologies. I have deep care for the user and building good products for them. I would describe myself as fun, passionate, respectful & enjoyable to work with.

(X) TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming: Python (Advanced), Javascript (Intermediate), Go (Novice)

Frameworks Pyramid, SQLAlchemy, Django, Flask, React

laaS/PaaS: AWS, Google Compute, App Engine

Ops: Basic Linux sysadmin, Ansible, Nginx, uWsgi

Databases: Redis, Postgres

Concepts & Methodology: SOLID, Functional Programming, Testing, Data Structures,

Design Patterns, System Architecture

Past experiences: MySQL, Elastic Search, C, Java, PHP, Chef, Monit

Experimenting with: Haskell, Elixir, Phoenix

(7) CODE EXAMPLES & FOSS PROJECTS

You can look at these projects to find code examples using Python, Go, Javascript, React, Postgres, Pyramid.

Pome is a Postgres Metrics Dashboard to keep track of the health of your database.

Suma is a microservice to manage and control links to external urls within your project. Suma can be used to block external links from your application to fight spam and phishing attacks, but Suma also can extract information from urls as screenshots, titles, or content to provide previews.

A https://github.com/rach/suma

07/2013 - 10/2015

Software Engineer & Co-founder LOST PROPERTY, London

Lost Property was a technical agency that we founded to answer the need of specific technical needs in the Marketing, Advertising and Startup scene in London.

Technologies: Python, Ansible, Pyramid, Django, SQLAlchemy, AWS, PostgreSQL, Elastic Search

Involvement:

- Full stack development
- Ops and configuration management using Ansible
- Implemented search engines for recipes in Python handling boost and weight.
- Full-text search engines (Postgres & ES)
- Databases management, Query Optimisation, Indexes management
- Translate client requirements into tech solution
- Create timeline and budget estimates for development
- Worked on Cat in a Flat, Warlbr, Seabeard and more

07/2012 - 06/2013

Lead Developer as Independent Contractor SCOOTA, London

Scoota is a startup with products to build, target, distribute and report on online advertising. I was hired as freelancer to help the technical team with their challenges and to improve the quality and stability of their products.

Technologies: Python, Chef, Django, AWS, Jenkins, Pandas, MySQL

Involvement:

- Backend Development
- Ops and configuration management using Chef
- Setup Continuus Integration
- Automated deployment and setup of the dev environment
- Implemented permission system, ad planning system
- Started internal documentation
- Initiate testing, code review and helped the team to improve communication

07/2011 - 06/2012

Software Engineer as Independent Contractor POTATO & GOOGLE, London

Potato is a company developing web applications, marketing projects and products, internal tools mainly for Google. As a freelancer there, I developed a project management platform for the Google Creative Labs.

Technologies: Python, Django, Google App Engine, MySQL, Google API's

Involvement:

- Backend development using Python and Django
- Database and Application performance optimization
- Permission system integrated with Google Groups
- Asset managment system using Google Drive

02/2010 - 06/2011

Technical Lead UNIT9, London

Unit 9 is a digital creative production company employing interactive directors, graphic artists and web specialists to create engaging interactive experiences.

Technologies: Python, MySQL, Django, AWS, PHP, Zend

Involvements:

- Backend development, Ops, 3rd party API's integration (twitter, facebook, etc.)
- Handling product delivery and dealing with strict and tight deadlines
- Prototyping, scope feasibities and exploring technical solution
- Development estimates: time and budget

06/2008 - 12/2009

Software Engineer A2BILLING, Barcelona

A2Billing is an open source project using Asterisk to provide a Telecom Soft Switch pre and post paid billing service, allowing companies to deploy switches for TDM or VoIP services. I worked on the support and new features over the 1.3.4 and 1.4 releases.

Technologies: Asterisk, PHP, Postgres, MySQL, Payments'API

Involvements:

- Full Stack Development on the product
- Development of IVR scripts to refill calling credit
- Developed Invoicing system, Agent System, Payment gateways integration,

04/2006 - 05/2008

Analyst-Developer BUYWAY EEIG, Brussels

Buyway EEIG brings together 3 members of the banking industry (KBC, BNP Paribas, Carrefour) to offer consumer financing products.

Technologies: Java, Struts, Maven, Tomcat, Ant

Involvements:

- Development of systems to authorize credit card, financing online or in a store

01/2006 - 03/2006

Functional analyst SMALS, Brussels

Managed requirements and scope of a project about staff management for The Federal Public Service.

(S) EDUCATION

(#) INTERESTS

2001 - 2005	Masters Degree in Computer Science from UMONS in Belgium
	Thesis: creation of an interpreter to run strict relational algebra

President of Science Students Society

Traveling, Art, Drawing, Music, Blogging, Cooking, UX and Design

(?) REFERENCES

2003 - 2005

References available for the mentioned companies upon request.