

Luc Geurts

always wandering, learning ... chronic curiosity syndrome

I'm a Belgian/Irish expat who lives in France & the Netherlands. My past includes various roles ranging from Microsoft PFE, Escalation Engineer, Consultant, to Project Lead and CEO. 15+ years experience in managing projects, troubleshooting core Windows issues, backend development, and infrastructure automation. Currently managing my new company, working as Lead Engineer for a Dutch MSP, and interim Tech Lead at a French travel agency. A super nerd who loves Cloud, Linux, and who's interested in far too much topics ranging from science to history, astronomy, kendo, trekking the alps, my (2008) GSXR 600, rehearsing paradiddles, and more.

Professional Experience

2017-Present Team Lead, Cloud Platforms Engineer, Flouze EURL, France.

- o Interim Tech Lead at a leading travel and tourism company. Having finished the migration to AWS, my team of 6 devs is occupied with maintaining functional services (websites, APIs, mobile apps), and configuring servers through RedHat Ansible Tower. As of May 2021, we also started with building additional AI driven real-time contact center agents. Some tools of choice are Amazon Transcribe, Comprehend, Translate, and Kendra;
- Introduce GitHub repository workflows in combination with Azure Boards, upgrade onpremises services to the latest level, design & implement business process automation at Huisman Equipment, one of the world's 3 largest manufacturers of heavy lifting, drilling, mooring, and pipe laying equipment for offshore companies;
- Maintain a predominantly Microsoft & Apple based infrastructure at a school for at-risk children. This is a voluntary job (FACE aka Fondation Agir Contre l'Exclusion);
- Coach & Tech Advisor for two startups (remote workspaces and financial modeling);
- Updating certifications. Obtaining PMP, AWS, and ML, whenever I find some time.

2012–2017 **Premier Field Engineer**, *Microsoft Corporation*, Germany.

The bullet point description of my job?

- Assist MCS (Microsoft Consulting Services) by providing technical support in developing 'Tailored to Fit' solutions for Premier customers;
- Create/teach different types of offerings such as Workshops, Chalk & Talks;
- o Deliver proactive on-site Windows Platforms DSE services in the DACH region (70%);
- o Participate in on-call shifts, CritSits, and Health Checks (transactional, Europe, 30%);
- Mentor new hires; helping them adjust and discover more about our organization and its culture, as well as enhancing their technical expertise.

2011–2012 **Escalation Engineer**, *Dell*, Ireland.

 Managing Tier 3 escalations and subcases; addressing and resolving break-fix incidents for KACE, vRanger and Foglight end-to-end software.

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Skills

Providers	Automation	Languages	Other
o AWS, Azure	o Ansible (Tower)	o Bash, PowerShell	 WinDg, Xperf
o On-premises AD	o Docker, Jenkins	 Git/Subversion 	o DaaS, RDS
Hyper-V	GitOps	 LaTeX, YAML 	Intune, DSC

Certifications

- 2020 [AZ-900] Microsoft Azure Fundamentals
- 2019 [010-160] Linux Professional Institute Linux Essentials
- 2015 [70-533] Microsoft Specialist: Implementing Microsoft Azure Infrastructure Solutions

Courses and Accreditations

- 2020 DevOps Essentials on AWS
- 2017 Trainer Windows Server Failover Cluster WorkshopPLUS
- 2015 Trainer Microsoft Azure Compute: Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) Workshop
- 2014 Trainer Vital Signs: Performance Monitoring Windows Server WorkshopPLUS
- 2014 Mandel: Presentation Skills for Technical Professionals
- 2013 Crucial Conversations: Tools for Talking When Stakes are High
- 2012 [70-660] Windows Internals for Microsoft EEs: Memory, The Registry, PnP, Networking, Storage, Security

Honors & Awards

2021 AWS Community Builders program member

Projects

2016 Microsoft Garage Hackathon: Bing my ASL (C++, Java, UI & Web design)

Publications

- 2014 Kernel Debugging for PFEs Workshop, Microsoft Premier Support, Germany
- 2013 CSS Data Gathering Workshop, Microsoft Learning, USA

Foreign Languages

- Flemish Native proficiency
- English CEFR C2: 20+ years experience working with English-speaking clients
- French DELF B2: 4 years at high school in Belgium, 1 year CIEP in France
- German CEFR B2: Expat living for 5 years in Germany

Extracurricular Activities

2017-Present IT Consultant, Fondation Agir Contre l'Exclusion, France

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