

# Milan Aleksić

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## Personal

Born on 21/12/1983, Smederevo (Serbia), living in Koekelberg (Belgium) since 2011. I have dual citizenship of Belgium and Serbia.

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## Education & spoken languages

Dipl. Ing. Computer Science & Engineering (2008) from *University of Belgrade* (Serbia), Faculty of Electrical Engineering (ETF). "NARIC – Vlaanderen" [recognized my diploma as M.Sc.](#)

I can speak in the following languages: **Serbian** (mother tongue), **English** (fluent), **Dutch** ([C1 Effectiveness 1](#)), **French** (A2, basic level)

## Keywords

Java, Go, AWS, Python, PostgreSQL, MySQL

## Work experience

### [2020-...] Senior Software Engineer @ Soda (Brussels, Belgium)

My role was soda.io Cloud Backend founding engineer (since late spring 2025 also a member of the platform "Foundational" team). Programming languages I used were Java, Python and Go.

I became the company backend & MySQL perf guy and helped the company grow 100x in customers and revenue over 5 years without high-profile incidents of the Soda Cloud product.

I also made an internal tool (**dogo**) for DevOps tasks: feature flip management, backend runtime reconfiguration, deep incident analysis, prod environment access authz - v1 in Python, v2 in Go (using our own and also external APIs: AWS/Okta/Datadog, SQLite, Perfetto).

### [2017-2020] Expert Software Engineer @ TomTom (Ghent, Belgium)

**CCE Team** Feature development and maintenance of various core systems and applications in *MPU Core Coverage Creation & Extension* team

Projects:

- *MLF library*: authored code-generated Java wrapper around GDAL OpenFileGDB (later extended to PostGIS and GeoPackage).
  - Custom ANTLR grammar for extended validation, Python/Markdown doc generator
- *Sinatra*: Led migration of a complex process into AWS for GIS source data digestion
  - PostgreSQL RDS, Spring Boot 2, SQS, ECS, Terraform, Vue.js
- *Pupin*: created machine learning cloud service for data classification (plural junctions problem)
  - Training: PostGIS, Python, Scikit-Learn, XGBoost, (Geo)Pandas, Jupyter
  - Online+Batch prediction: Terraform / AWS ECS, Spring Boot 2, XGBoost, REST
- *Dumbo*: migration of internal heavily used batch processing tool into the cloud
  - AWS Batch, ECS, PostgreSQL, S3, X-Ray; Spring Boot 2, Terraform, Python, Jenkins
- *Excelsior*: process orchestration service
  - [States Language implementation](#) (spec only), ECS+Lambda, Java 11, Python 3

**Hermes team** Feature development on new long-term systems and applications in *Hermes* team

Projects:

- *Nozem*: always-up-to-date OpenStreetMap ingestion service into core TomTom data layer
  - Kafka, PostgreSQL, Python, Spring Boot, Jenkins
- *Lego*: automated OpenStreetMap features ingestion
  - Kubernetes on Azure Cloud, Python, Java, QGIS Python plugins

## [2013-2017] {Senior, Lead} Software Engineer @ Basware (Aalst, Belgium)

Projects:

- *Basware Network Portal*: Full-stack development role on online and internal services
  - Tech stack: Play2, Scala, Java8, MongoDB, Spring, Chef, Go
  - Rewritten core validation business rules implementation (Java)
- *Basware e-Archiving*: DevOps lead-in-charge and one of lead developers
  - Tech stack: CloudFormation, Jenkins, Bash, AWS CLI
  - Cloud stack: Java Lambda functions, API GW, S3, DynamoDB, SQS, Splunk
- *Norsu* (Groovy, Cucumber, Gradle): Cross-systems end-to-end testing
- Business Metrics dashboards (Akka and Dashing.io)
- Migration of legacy Resin applications to Tomcat cluster
  - Oracle DB, JSP, RMI, Ant, Tomcat, Apache2
- *HAL9000* (Golang): Flowdock bot (CI/CD automation helper for 100+ developers)

## [2006-213] Previous work experience

Reach out for a chat if you want more details about things in this list.

**2014:** Freelance Consultant (remote) @ Gtech UK (*Brussels, Belgium*)

**2011-2013:** Software consultant @ Cronos (Belgium) (*Brussels, Belgium*)

**2009-2011:** Software Engineer II @ Gtech G2 Sports Betting (*Belgrade, Serbia*)

**2007-2009:** Java Developer @ Arius (*Belgrade, Serbia*)

**2006:** Intern software developer @ ESAProjekt (*Katowice, Poland*)

## Selected open source projects

- [Advent of Code 2023](#) (Zig)
- [Personal Web site](#) (Hugo, Cloudflare Pages)
- [Advent of Code 2018](#) (Go)

## Selected closed source personal projects

- Home Laboratory: a hybrid cluster (arm/amd, RPis/NUC Proxmox, home/Oracle Cloud) connected using Tailscale, and with a Synology NAS. Uses Ansible for foundational setup and HashiCorp Nomad for container scheduling (40+ services like Gitea, Minecraft, yarr, etc.). Deep monitoring via Grafana Stack and InfluxDB. Slowly migrated to k3s.
- Thought Train (Go, PostgreSQL, NATS, htmx) my main side project: a feature-rich web page content extraction, note taking & book annotation distributed service; utilizes an ANTLR Search Query grammar, Pulumi AWS and with dedicated mobile applications (Android, iOS, using Flutter) and a Chrome Extension (Svelte)
- Batler (Go): personal Telegram bot I use for homelab automation tasks and as the main notification pipeline
- Novinarnica (Go): content crawler and CBR packager of magazines