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PERSONAL DETAILS

Date of Birth
17-01-1978

Nationality
Dutch

Fluent Languages
English, Dutch

SKILLS

React Typescript Javascript
NodeJS AWS Angular(JS)
jQuery Java C++ SQL PHP
Agile

LINKS

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Pierre Havelaar

Senior Software Engineer

About me

With 25 years of experience in Software Engineering across multiple industries I am capable of taking on new assignments and technologies with ease. I easily adapt to new situations, acquire new knowledge quickly and am able to transfer that to others. My strength is to digest complex functional requirements and build a solid and clean codebase. By having been self-employed for over half a decade I understand the need to focus on business value at all times.

Work Experience

Senior Software Engineer
Clubhouse Software

Aug 2019 - Oct 2021
New York, US - Remote

Clubhouse is developing a software project management tool that is easy and fun to use that can compete with Jira. Here I worked on the frontend development using their in-house web development framework and React. Over the course of 2 years we managed to migrate most of the code to React. Another project I worked on was to refactor the billing system to implement new Payment plans and allow for easy upgrades and downgrades of these plans. The billing system is a complex beast with many intricate business rules and it is imperative those rules are not broken. We were able to deliver this project with zero downtime and no significant bugs in the system and immediately resulted in an increase in paid plans in the first month of being released.

Senior Software Engineer
Engage Technology Partners

Feb 2016 - July 2019
London, UK - Remote

At Engage as a remote engineer I was able to put my frontend skills to good use on our fast evolving platform. Being initially hired as a frontend engineer, I soon also started working on the Java backend and initiated projects in Node.js and AWS Lambda. After having been supporting the onboarding team for a while I became responsible for upgrading our platform so that the onboarding team could set up clients without the need of Engineering. It was a massive collaborative effort between engineering teams, onboarding and client services that I had to coordinate. It was delivered on time and it was a great success. After this I continued to be responsible for multiple projects as well as assisting the Team Manager.

Senior Software Engineer
Finalist

Apr 2013 - Jan 2016
Rotterdam, NL

At Finalist I joined a team of skilled professionals where I felt at home and had the opportunity to grow. We were responsible for the Enterprise Business Application of a customer, called Spotta, which is a large player on the market of delivering physical advertisements in the form of product leaflets. The system is complex and has a long history that contains in depth domain knowledge. The largest part of the software runs in Jboss/Wildfly EAP, which is a Java EE container. I delivered a fully automated deployment system to be able to deploy and migrate their complete set of software to the Azure Cloud, which had been running on custom servers before.

Software Engineer
Greencat IT

Sep 2009 - Sep 2012
Gorinchem, NL

We built a Java Enterprise web application that communicates in real-time with the on-board computer of a fleet of trucks, processes the datastream and makes the information visible, also in real-time. The current location of all the trucks is displayed on the map along with its route, assignments, speeds, etc. By using the Google Web Toolkit the browser was being pushed to the limits. I was responsible for building custom GWT widgets that can display the vast realtime data with high performance.

Previous Experiences

- 5 years as a business owner
- 4 years in Game Development
- 2 years in Biotech prototype development

Volunteer Work

- 3D print face shields during pandemic for frontline workers
- Designed and developed a website for individuals seeking to reintegrate into society and secure employment, facilitating social connections and community engagement.
- Develop and maintain website for Buddhist center
- Raised money for Hepatitis B vaccinations in India
- Movie VFX
- Assistant Paragliding Instructor

Interests

FPV Drones, Electronics, Home Automation, Self Sustainability, Renewable Energy.