

Curriculum Vitae

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There is always a solution. I love all things digital, my passion is to share my knowledge through trainings, coaching and advising. I love to work on solutions for problems, even more when they are related to real challenges facing our societies, democracy, climate or migration.

Work Experience

2023/11 - present: Middleware Engineer at FGTB-ABVV, Brussels
2022/02 - present: Solution Architect at OSINTukraine.com (Volunteer)
2021/09 - 2022/03: BeCode DevOps Training, Brussels
2018/10 - 2020/03: CTO at DigitYser, Brussels
2016/05 - 2021: Solution Architect at Armada.digital (Freelance)
2020/03 - 2020/05: FactChecking at Journalistes Solidaires (Volunteer)
2019/02 - 2020/03: Event Manager at European Data Innovation Hub
2019 - 2020: Technical Advisor at WomenPreneur-Initiative (Volunteer)
2019/05 - 2019/12: Technical Advisor at BookVillage (Volunteer)
2019/01 - 2020/01: Technical Advisor at Promote Ukraine (Freelance)

Skills

Containers: OpenShift, Kubernetes, Docker, Docker Swarm
Automation: Ansible, Vagrant, GitLab CI/CD, Jenkins
Monitoring: Prometheus, Grafana
Systems: Linux Administration, System Administration
Hosting: On-Premise, Cloud (VMware, Clouvron)
Web: WordPress, Nginx, Redis, TLS/SSL
Security: SonarQube, Information Assurance

Languages

French:	Fluent
English:	Fluent
Portuguese:	Native
Spanish:	Conversational

Education

2021 - 2022:	BeCode DevOps Training, Brussels 7-month intensive DevOps specialization
1998 - 2001:	Bachelor's in Management Information Technology ISLA - Instituto Superior de Gestão e Tecnologia Curso Técnico Superior Profissional de Informática de Gestão

Professional Experience Details

Middleware Engineer - FGTB-ABVV (2023 - present)

- Technology Specialist focusing on IT infrastructure and application delivery
- Strategic migration of Java applications from legacy IBM Datapowers and PureApp systems
- Containerized application deployment on VMware Linux and OpenShift Kubernetes clusters
- Mastering OpenShift, Kubernetes, and Docker technologies

Solution Architect - OSINTukraine.com (2022 - present)

- Open-source intelligence (OSINT) initiative for Ukraine conflict monitoring
- Collection, archiving, translation, analysis and dissemination of critical information
- Monitoring Russian Telegram channels with filtering, categorization, and archiving
- Sub-projects: War crimes archive, Drones research, Location-related alerts system

BeCode DevOps Training (2021 - 2022)

- Vagrant and Ansible infrastructure as code for WordPress, Nginx, Redis
- Docker Swarm cluster management (Funkwhale, Redis, Nginx)
- GitLab CI/CD with SonarQube security audits
- Jenkins pipelines for Petclinic build/release/deploy
- Python basics, Networking fundamentals, Monitoring with Prometheus/Grafana

CTO - DigitYser (2018 - 2020)

- Digital flagship of tech communities in Brussels
- Hosting infrastructure and automation
- Integrations with digital marketing tools
- Technical Event Management: Livestreaming, sound, video, photos

Solution Architect - Armada.digital (2016 - 2021)

- Consultancy to amplify visibility of good causes
- Custom communication and collaboration solutions
- Empowering individuals and ethical businesses

FactChecking - Journalistes Solidaires (2020)

- Cludron/Docker backend for factchecking workflow
- WordPress with custom post types for COVID-19 disinformation monitoring

Interests

Music: Music Production DAWs, Ableton Live, Ableton Push 3

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