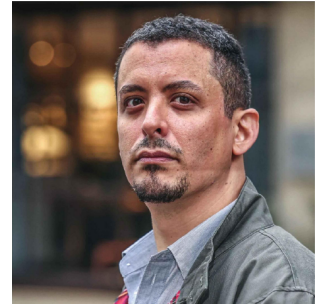


# Curriculum Vitae

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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, Cloudron)  
**Web:** WordPress, Nginx, Redis, TLS/SSL  
**Security:** SonarQube, Information Assurance

**Languages**

<b>French:</b>	Fluent
<b>English:</b>	Fluent
<b>Portuguese:</b>	Native
<b>Spanish:</b>	Conversational

**Education**

<b>2021 - 2022:</b>	BeCode DevOps Training, Brussels 7-month intensive DevOps specialization
<b>1998 - 2001:</b>	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 - FGTV-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)

- Cloudron/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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