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What I can do

I am a senior technical writer and cloud infrastructure architect with an advanced experience of Linux, Ansible, Antora, and collaboration in Open Source Software. I mainly write in AsciiDoc, Bash and YAML. I enjoy other languages too. I can understand or design complex workloads and trace issues. I am also curious and willing to learn by myself. I can lead a team and challenge people to get the best of themselves.

💼 Experience

🐾 Red Hat (remote, Brussels, Belgium) since 2019

Senior Technical Writer since 2021

Technical Writer 2019-2021

- Leading, authoring and automating for **Red Hat Developer** and **Customer Content Services**.
- Cloud IDE: Eclipse Che and CodeReady Workspaces.
- Writers enablement: Vale for writers at Red Hat style guide automation project.
- Antora guidelines: Starting an Antora project compatible with modular documentation.
- Main technologies: Antora, AsciiDoc, GitHub, GitLab, Jenkins, Kubernetes, OpenShift, Vale.

☁ Cloud Infrastructure Architect (Stylelabs, Cloud software editor, Brussels, Belgium) 2017-2019

- Leading development of automation tools (Ansible test driven developmen for Azure),
- Mentoring and empowering colleagues,
- R&D to onboard new technologies (Ansible Molecule, Golang, Goss, Kubernetes, AWX).

</> Senior DevOps (Emakina, Digital agency, Brussels, Belgium) 2015-2017

- Infrastructure as code (Ansible, Puppet),
- Security assessments (Arachni, Netsparker),
- Build & deployments automation (Jenkins pipeline, Artifactory),
- Setup & maintenance of Linux servers & related services (Debian).

🐧 Linux System Administrator (Antidot, Web software editor, Brussels, Belgium) 2012-2015

- Systems and network administration (Debian, CentOS, PFSense),
- Technical project management (infrastructure revamp/migration, Scrum meets Prince2),
- Infrastructure as code (Rudder, then Ansible),
- Devops instrumentation: git, continuous integration, monitoring.

✏️ Technical Writer for Rudder project (Normation, Paris; remote, Brussels, Belgium) 2011

- User documentation tooling (single source, multiple outputs automation).
- User documentation writing (asciidoc, hand crafted graphviz),
- QA : user experience improvements, bug reporting, usability tests.

🐧 Open Source consultant (Inuits, IT services, Antwerp & Charleroi, Belgium) 2010-2011

- Missions for: OFO-IFA, Centre Hospitalier Jean Titeca.
- Technical projects management, analysis, implementation,
- Evangelization at technical conferences in Paris, Antwerpen, Leeds.

🐧 Linux System Administrator (Mediaxim, Medias monitoring, Brussels, Belgium) 2010

- Conceiving an IT strategy and translating it into an operational plan,
- Maintaining live the production (400 Linux servers, 100 desktops),
- Promoting and leading improvement initiatives.

🐧 System Administrator (Emakina, Brussels, Belgium) 2008-2009

- ITIL Incidents and users requests management, Level 1-2-3,
- System administration (150+ MacOSX & Windows, 50 Linux servers),
- Automated desktop deployment and maintenance (GLPI, WPKG).

🐧 System Administrator (FIJ Saint-Gilles, Training Center, Brussels, Belgium) 2007

- Participating and presenting projects in weekly team meetings,
- Implementing automated deployment (100 Windows + Linux PCs).

🐧 System Administrator (Instituts Saint-Luc, Art school, Brussels, Belgium) 2006-2007

- Maintaining desktops without network (200 MacOS X, Windows),
- Auditing the infrastructure and proposing evolution.

📢 Open Source Software

Eclipse Che docs, Vale linter rules, Antora guidelines … https://github.com/themr0c

OSS presentations: https://themr0c.github.io/

Antora: https://gitlab.com/ffloreth

Rudder documentation, 2012: https://issues.rudder.io/users/13

Organising monthly OSS meetups, 2009-2012: http://jeudisdulibre.be/

OSS radio show, 2012-2013: http://www.radiopanik.org/recherche/?q=good+morning+stallman

⌨ Technologies

Antora, AsciiDoc, Graphviz, LaTeX, Docbook, PlantUML.

Ansible, Bash, Containers, Python, Tox, YAML

Podman, Kubernetes/OpenShift, Libvirt/KVM, AWS, Azure

Linux (Fedora, CentOS, Debian, Ubuntu), MacOS X, Windows

Apache, Nginx, Varnish, Nodejs, Php, Python

MySQL, PostgreSQL, MongoDB, Redis, Elasticsearch

Backupninja, Rdiff-backup, Btrfs snd/rcv

PFSense, OpenVPN, IPSec VPN

Arachni, Netsparker

🏛 Education & certifications

☀ 2019 - Eclipse Foundation Committer: https://accounts.eclipse.org/users/fflorethbault

✴ 2014 - PRINCE2 Foundation

✴ 2008 - LPIC-1 Linux certified professional

🎓 1999 - MA in History ("DEA"), University Lumière Lyon 2, France

🎓 1997 - BA in French Literature ("Licence"), University Lumière Lyon 2, France

🔤 Languages

🛒 French: native

🇺🇸 English: fluent

🏴 German: fluent

🏁 Dutch: notions

💓 Interests

🧍 Proud father!

🥕 Cooking, eating,

🌲 Hiking, Biking,

📖 Books, Theater, Movies.

👤✓ Recommendations

I had the chance to work with Fabrice on several critical and complex projects. From new infrastructure design & implementation projects to operations' day to day management: I was delighted by his long term vision, attention to details, ability to anticipate and avoid problems, on top of his very broad knowledge of Linux systems, configuration management and application servers.

— Sebastien Le Grand, CEO at Antidot s.a.

Fabrice is a very nice human person, he is funny, always positive and really a pleasure to work with. He he is a knowledgeable expert in Unix, Linux, MacOS X and Network administration and has an attention to details. He enjoy tweaking OpenSource software and solving problems by himself, thanks to the community. By duty, he knows also a bit about Microsoft Windows administration. He is always looking to being useful, always ready to help, and think proactively, anticipating the problems before they happens.

— Brice Le Blévennec, CEO at Emakina Group

Fabrice is a solution driven person, always looking for the best solution for the end-user. Moreover he constantly tries to improve the way of working. Unix/Linux lover & expert, he can jump into Windows environment like a fish in water :-)

— Sophie Vandenbussche, Developer and Project manager

Fabrice always find a solution to your problem, at any time. He's wiling to help and go one step further. You can count on him during stress.

— Anne Bourguignon, Creativity Department Director

Fabrice is a competent and enthusiast system administrator. Always looking to find smarter and cleaner solutions to IT challenges or problems, his positive spirit, coupled to a strong open-source culture, is definitely an asset in the ever-changing world of software development. His kindness and his ability to explain infrastructure issues to non-experts makes him even more valuable.

— Pierre Vanliefland, Full-stack developer and analyst

Fabrice always works in a very professional way, trying to do things right the first time around rather than following the "quick and dirty" road, which to me is a very good thing. Fabrice is also very friendly and a nice person to be around.

— Yannick Lemin, Android developer fanatic - GDG Organiser - Podcaster

Fabrice is a cheerfull colleague to work with and allways was very helpfull on the professional level. He is an openminded person, passionate by different aspects of IT support, mostly by all the open source side of internet.

— Régine Lagasse de Locht, Receptionist - Office management at Emakina

Fabrice is a good and hard worker, a real nice person with whom you can share a laugh. He also thinks out of the box and sees problems as challenges. He likes to plan things and is not short sighted but thinks about his solutions to issues now, but also in the future.

— Kim Ausloos, DevOps at Cegeka

Very good knowledge of Linux systems, good job while compiling smb packages and wpkg, GLPI configuration

— Michaël Froidebise, System administrator at PwC Luxembourg