

# Curriculum Vitae Tom Lazar

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### Personal



Name **Tom Lazar**

Date of Birth **1972-12-14**

Professional IT **1992**  
experience since

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### Summary

Python Programmer with a strong background in web development, UNIX systems administration and user support. Active Open Source Contributor.

Specialties: Backend Programming, Testdriven Development, Agile Development, Project Management, DevOps, Coaching on Best Practices for Software Development, public speaking.

### Experience

#### **FOUNDER, PYFIDELITY UG, NOVEMBER 2011 – PRESENT | BERLIN, GERMANY**

Python based web development with focus on RESTful backend services and their deployment.

#### **DEVELOPER AND CONSULTANT, SELF-EMPLOYED, 2003 – PRESENT | BERLIN, GERMANY**

Self employed Zope and Plone developer and consultant and FreeBSD systems administrator.

#### **LEAD DEVELOPER, HOTHEAVEN AG, OCTOBER 2012 – MAY 2013 | BERLIN, GERMANY**

Lead developer of a Python based RESTful backend, including setup of a Selenium based CI.

#### **PLONE AND PYRAMID DEVELOPER, JARN AS, OCTOBER 2008 – NOVEMBER 2008 | BERLIN, GERMANY & TØNSBERG, NORWAY**

Part of a multi-national team of Python and Plone Developers

**CTO, APRIL 2008 – AUGUST 2008 | BERLIN, GERMANY**

In-House Systems Administration, bootstrapped the CMS and online presence of [freitag.de](http://freitag.de) using Plone.

**DEVELOPER AND PROJECT LEAD, GATE AG (NOW NOKIA HERE), JUNE 2000 – JUNE 2001 | BERLIN, GERMANY**

Project Management and Backend Development in Java.

**IT ADMINISTRATOR, ZEITBANK MEDIEN + VERLAG, SEPTEMBER 1998 – MARCH 2000 | BERLIN, GERMANY**

Responsible for keeping six offices with ca. 20 people connected and happy using FreeBSD and OS X.

## Open Source Involvement

I'm an avid user of Open Source Software since 1993 and have started contributing back since 2003. I regularly publish small to medium tools to <https://github.com/tomster> and have become fairly proficient in making production ready releases of Software.

**BSDPLOY, MARCH 2014 – PRESENT,**

lead developer of a tool to provision, configure and maintain FreeBSD containers, <https://github.com/ploypground/bsdploy>

**BRIEFKASTEN, JULY 2012 – PRESENT**

Lead Developer of secure dropbox for whistleblower submissions, currently used in production at ZEIT ONLINE, Spiegel Online and Tagesspiegel, <https://github.com/tomster/briefkasten>

**PLONE CORE DEVELOPER, APRIL 2006 – NOVEMBER 2011**

Active contributor to the Plone CMS (Python)

**PLONE FRAMEWORKTEAM MEMBER, NOVEMBER 2007 – MAY 2009**

Active Member (<https://plone.org/community/teams/framework>)

## Current Skills

Professional skills that I'm currently using and expanding

**EXPERT**

Python (2003), FreeBSD administration (2001), Linux administration (1998), Git (2009), Pyramid Webframework (2009), Ansible Configuration Management System (2012), VirtualBox (2008), Amazon EC2 (2010)

**INTERMEDIATE**

HTML (1995), CSS (1995), Javascript + jQuery (2008), AngularJS (2012), Docker (2015), Agile Development Practices (2011), PostgreSQL Database (2009),

#### **PASSING**

Bash (1998), LESS, SASS

## **Previous Skills**

Things that I used to be good at and which have significantly influenced my development but have since been consigned to the bin of history

#### **EXPERT**

Plone CMS (2002 - 2014), Java (1999 - 2002), Flash (1998-2001), Adobe Photoshop (1996-2001), Quark XPress (1996-2001), Macromedia FreeHand (1995-2001), OSX Server Administration (1998-2003), Subversion (2000-2010)

#### **INTERMEDIATE**

Varnish (2008 - 2011), MASM Microsoft Assembler (1992-1995), 6502 Assembler (1990-1993)

## **Languages**

German (native speaker)

English (native speaker)