

ALAIN MAURI

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Reason 1 to talk to me

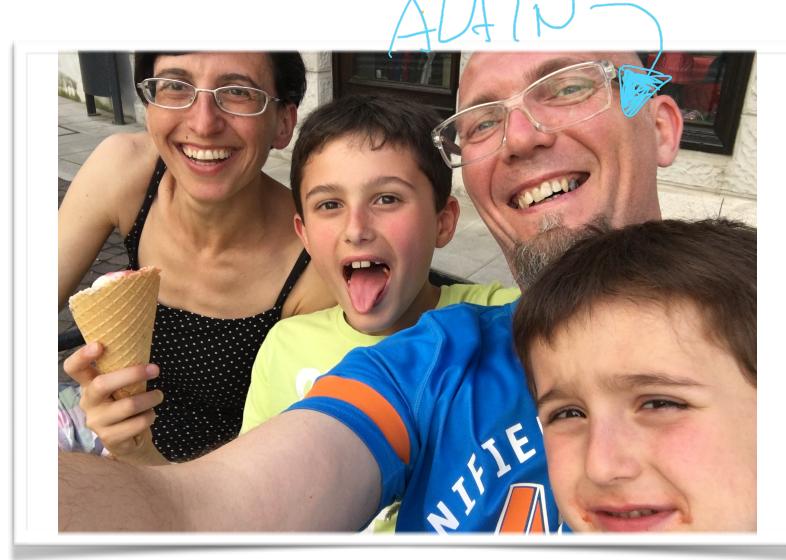
To understand that I love software development I had to quit it. I was so upset by it, that I took a break and went to work as an electric plants designer for a cruise ship building company. It's been an exciting adventure and it proved me that I'm able to learn new and completely different skills.

Reason 2

I think that changing life at 47 years old is not easy and requires some planned bravery and a lot of support from everyone, it's been a team effort and I'm a good team player. But above all I've been able to cope with the stress and pressure that such a big move required, taking decisions and organising all the necessary steps.

Reason 3

I can write code and solve problems and I think that being part of Basecamp's core team could fulfil my need of constant challenges which is the main reason I love this job.



It's a Me! Alain!

Hey there,

I'm Alain, one who likes playing with computers and currently lives in Sheffield.

My passion for this machines started way back in the 80s when my dad brought home a C64. That for sure was one of the best days of my life. I immediately started playing with it and with the only game I had at that time.

It has been a magic experience and, since then, I knew that playing with these

wonderful engineering creations would have been a constant in my life.



Some code

[OneHundred](#) A game where you have a 10 x 10 grid that you have to try to fill with numbers following some basic distancing rules. I was playing this game on paper many years ago.

[Easy Monitor](#): a Rails engine to monitor Rails applications. Still work in progress. I want to improve the middleware that writes action and exception to Influxdb and the TOTP access. I just discovered that Basecamp has a gem with a similar name. Please forgive me :)

[Scratchpaedia](#): a wiki style Rails app that I wrote for a take home test and now is my personal playground for improving my frontend skills.

A [Docker template](#) for Rails application that I found satisfactory after a long journey digging into the different behaviours of Docker on MacOs and on Linux.

[Arcadia](#): a Rails application that should have been run on a RaspberryPi connected to an HiFi set. It's one of my first side projects, now archived, where I tried to use Rails out of my job. The name is because of [this](#) :)



[Personal Page](#): Jekyll served static website. I'm proud of it because I don't use any kind of tracking.

Something I wrote

I like writing, it helps me fixing concepts and new things in my mind.

I don't always have enough time but when I can, I do it and here are some examples:

I love GIT and I tried to create an introductory series of posts on why it's a great tool:

[GIT intro part one](#), [GIT intro part two](#), [GIT intro part three](#)

[GIT intro part four](#)

I was using Linux as a free lance and I did not have a way to use an IPSEC connection to our firewall so, I found out how to do it - **warning**: there are some trackers due to Twitter

[IPSEC connection to Fortigate with Openswan](#)

I did the same for the Macbook

[IPSEC Connection to Fortigate on Macbooks](#)

The story behind my Docker template: [Docker and Rails](#)

Some tips around Ruby: [System Endianness with Ruby](#) and [How Ruby saves your objects](#)



Why I moved to Sheffield?

I had quite an established life in Italy working as a free-lance, all that kind of things you would probably expect, family, a house, friend etc. but my wife and myself were feeling that it wasn't probably what we really wanted.

We were living in a small village in the North-East of Italy, close to the border with Slovenia, a really nice place but there were a couple of things not going in the right direction:

- * My eldest son wasn't happy
- * My wife wasn't able to find a job
- * My job was becoming financially difficult

I then decided to quit with the only two customers I had as a free-lance and find a more stable job with a Vienna based company. Unfortunately the salary was not high enough to move to Vienna and I started working remotely for them, but the company wasn't really into it. So, even if one of the above points was partly solved, the other two weren't and this is when Sheffield came in. I had a good opportunity here but they wanted me to relocate and... we did it!

Results of this? The above points are sorted

Something else I love to do, in an unordered way.

Playing video games, Lego or whatever else with my kids.

I love cooking, it's one of the most relaxing things and I believe it really express the love you have for someone. My favourite one: Ragù.

Playing cards with my wife, some classic game like UNO or new one like Exploding Kittens or traditional Italian card games like Briscola or Scopa.

Pretending to be a bluesman while I play my guitar, following different tutorials or simply plugging it to Garage Band, record and play whatever comes out from my mind.

Reading not only technical books but also novels, crime stories and whatever cover hits me while I wonder in a book shop or online. I really love covers with a lot of colours and simple drawings.

I also love reading comics and in particular Topolino (an Italian edition of Mickey Mouse's stories) and stories by Zerocalcare a young Italian author.

I'm trying to learn how to draw properly

Listening to a lot music, especially 70s rock and tons of Blues!