Steven Rombauts

ENDLESSLY CURIOUS SOFTWARE DEVELOPER

Profile

I'm an enthusiastic software developer with a strong background in web development. I help companies and startups to plan, build and maintain their web application projects and infrastructure.

As a product-minded software engineer I prefer to balance the technical with the product and business considerations.

I focus primarily on building digital workflow and process management tools, company portals and customer dashboards. I also have extensive experience with infrastructure management, automation and DevOps.

As an experienced team leader, I take great pride in my ability to enthuse and motivate others and helping people succeed.

Employment History

Technical co-founder and Lead Engineer, Goolash

2018 — PRESENT

Goolash is a Software-as-a-Service startup to help IT service providers maximize their profits.

Responsibilities:

- Created Proof-of-Concept and nurtured it into a production-ready software application managing millions of IT licenses
- Idea validation and setting out product strategy
- On-boarding first customers and customer support
- Infrastructure architecture and maintenance
- Running marketing experiments and managing content strategy

Sofware Engineer Consultant, Timble

2012 — 2021

Timble provides enterprise level development services centred around web applications and specialises in technology consultancy, advising startups and large cooperations.
Responsibilities:

- Lead DevOps engineer in charge of infrastructure management and systems monitoring.
- Planning and execution of consultancy projects.
- Providing training and technical support on Timble client projects.

Software Developer Consultant, Joomlatools

2012 — 2021

Joomlatools is a leading Joomla brand, providing world-class Joomla extensions and support.

Responsibilities:

- Lead Developer on the customer support portal.
- Planning, building and maintaining Continuous Integration pipelines.
- Lead Developer on a powerful suite of open source development tools for Joomla developers.
- Mentoring new hires and colleagues, code reviews

Details

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Skills

Web Development

Linux System Administration

Cloud Computing

DevOps

Content Management Systems

Continuous Integration

Project Management

API Integrations

Product-led Approach

Team Lead

Languages

Dutch; Flemish

English

French

- Project management
- Writing [blog posts](#) to communicate our work and its significance to (potential) customers.

DevOps Consultant, Cavere

2015 — 2020

Cavere is an IT service provider in Belgium.
Responsibilities:
- Maintaining and securing their Linux infrastructure.

Freelance consultant, self-employed

2012 — PRESENT

Working as a self-employed software developer and consultant, helping teams big and small deliver results for their clients.

I work together with startup and development teams to build and maintain web applications and infrastructure, as well as mentoring and training their software development teams.

Lead Developer, PINCoding

2008 — 2012

An web development company providing online services and applications for small businesses.
Responsibilities:
- Lead Developer and project manager for a multitude of customer projects
- Analysis of customer requirements and translating them into workload estimation and development specifications

Education

A2 Math Sciences, Sint Romboutscollege, Mechelen

SEPTEMBER 1998 — JUNE 2003

Highlights

Goolash

2018

Built the [Goolash](#) application to automate IT billing processes and helped to launch and market this startup. Handled everything from the technical and development side to customer onboarding and support, as well as content writing and initial marketing efforts.

Platform API

2018

Implemented an [API layer](#) on top of the [Linked-Law](#) platform for content publishers.

Updating servers w/ Ansible

2017

Created Ansible scripts to automatically update all installed packages on existing Cloud infrastructure at [Timble](#).
Time to apply security updates across the entire network now takes 35 minutes, instead of an entire day.

Marsvaardig

2017

Built a programmable hosting infrastructure and deployment pipeline for
Marsvaardig, a startup bringing a new perspective to building and maintaining
websites.

AI web platform

2017

Worked together with a team of researchers from Leicester University to create
a web API from their existing research work written in R code, using AWS API
Gateway and OpenCPU.

Linked-Law

2017

Built and helped to launch Linked-Law, a knowledge-sharing network for lawyers
and jurists.

Puppetize existing infrastructure

2016

Design and replace all running cloud servers at Timble using Puppet configuration
management, upgrading core technologies to latest versions in the process.

Peptide GPCR Project

2015

Built a project management tool to support the Peptide GPCR research project and
automate data validation and transformation. Provided the tools to share the project
results publicly with the wider community.

Joomlatools Vagrant

2014

Built, released and maintained this preconfigured Vagrant box for Joomla
developers.
Over 20k downloads in its first two years!

Joomla Composer plugin

2013

Created and actively maintain the Joomlatools Composer plugin to install Joomla
extensions automatically.

Improve deployments

2013

Replaced manual deployment processes with Capistrano-powered deployments for
all Joomlatools applications. Reduced time for deployment from 1 hour to 2 minutes
and eliminated all manual work.

Belgian Police platform

2012

Worked on the Belgian Police platform project, helping to build a high performance
multi-site and multi-lingual platform for all 196 Belgian police zones.
Responsible for coding new features and hosting of the platform.

Mari-Team refactoring

2010

Mari-Team is an application that monitors and analyses oil samples from ship
engines.
Spearheaded the refactoring of the legacy codebase and implementation of new
features.

Development principles & approach

- Work from the **outside-in**; first understand the customer, the market and the problems at hand.
- Find an optimal solution through **rapid and early validation** using proof-of-concepts and minimal-viable-products.
- Know when to implement **throw-away code** and when to build for **scale**.
- **Mature through iteration**, prioritize the most important problems.
- Be comfortable with an **evolving approach** to technical challenges.

Vision

I am passionate about open source, sharing and collaboration. I strongly believe that well implemented open technologies and increased transparency can make for a better world.

How can I help?

Need help with your current or future software projects? I'd love to help out! Get in touch via hello@stevenrombauts.be.