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Curriculum Vitae

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Soft Skills

Tech Non-Tech Translation

Multilingual Cooperation

High Integrity

Critical Thinking

Data-Driven Decision Making

Long-Term Planning

Team Motivation

Leadership

Team Management

Technical Skills

Linux Sysadmin

Ubuntu/Debian Linux

DNS Nameservers

Email Servers

Web Servers

OpenLDAP

Linux Firewalls

Webdevelopment with PHP

Monitoring

Database Servers

FOSS Project Management

Scripting & Automation

Work Experience

- 2025–present **Information Technologies Advisor**, *Authorisation and Advisory Service of the Data Protection Authority of Belgium*
- 2024–2025 **Linux and Open Source Consultant**, *Open-Future*
Large customer project: Siemens Mobility for Infrabel for a Zabbix monitoring project (planning of migration, deployment and auditing) with side projects including OpenLDAP and Nagios.
Smaller projects on Zabbix, Zimbra and webdevelopment.
- 2023–2024 **Linux System Engineer**, *Unix-Solutions*
Management of Debian and Ubuntu based systems. Shared hosting using DirectAdmin, domain name (re)selling, SSL/TLS certificates, VM/VPS applications, dedicated servers and colocation. Phone & email customer support, limited sales and marketing. Management of Field/Datacenter Engineers. Communication, planning and strategy within my team. Development of internal tools and scripts.
- 2020–2022 **PhD in Linguistics**, *Centre for English Corpus Linguistics, UCLouvain*
Multidisciplinary project on forum discussions in MOOCs. I worked on a daily basis with other members of the team from different fields and using different languages (French & English). I was responsible for instructing our technical research assistant as well as managing our data collection, processing and GDPR-compliance. Terminated prior to completion.
- 2019 **Summer job: computational linguist**, *Instituut voor de Nederlandse Taal*
Deployment of an ELK-stack to gather logs from different dictionaries and other online language resources. The main aim is to gather insight on how online resources can be improved based on how users use them and how successful they seem at finding what they are looking for.
- 2018 **Summer job: IT team member**, *Euro Gijbels*
Auditing, documentation and analysis of IT processes. Migration to project management and version control. Troubleshooting and daily maintenance.
- 2013–2018 **Summer job: IT team leader**, *Sagalassos Archaeological Research Project, KU Leuven*
System administration, web development and other IT tasks during the yearly summer campaign with the main aim to support the automation of gathering and processing research data. Starting with the 2015 campaign, I lead the IT team and was responsible for a cleanup and overhaul of the IT infrastructure and systems, as well as the preparation for the IT part of a Hercules Fund application. During the campaign of 2017 I was only remotely available for advice and guidance.

Education

- 2018–2020 **Advanced Master in Advanced Studies in Linguistics**, *KU Leuven*, magna cum laude
Specialisation in Cognitive and Functional Linguistics
Advanced master thesis: Corpus research using Stable Lexical Marker Analysis with snelSLiM - a continued methodological study
- 2017–2019 **Master in Linguistics**, *KU Leuven*, magna cum laude
Specialisation in Usage and Corpus Based Approaches
Master thesis: Corpusonderzoek op basis van Stable Lexical Marker Analysis met snelSLiM - een methodologische studie
- 2014–2018 **Bachelor in Linguistics and Literature: Dutch-English**, *KU Leuven*, cum fructu
Specialisation in Linguistics: Cognitive and Functional Grammar & Computer Linguistics
- 2011–2014 **Bachelor in Linguistics and Literature: Latin-English**, *KU Leuven*
Terminated prior to completion

Additional education

- 2025 **Zabbix 7.0 Certified Professional (ZCP)**, *Zabbix*
Certificate identification CP-2504-026
- 2024 **Zabbix 7.0 Certified Specialist (ZCS)**, *Zabbix*
Certificate identification CS-2411-241
- 2019–2020 **Credits Statistics**, *KU Leuven*
Data Visualization in Data Science
- 2019–2020 **Credits Artificial Intelligence**, *KU Leuven*
Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence, Natural Language Processing
- 2018–2020 **Credits Digital Humanities**, *KU Leuven*
Data Visualisation, Introduction to Data Mining

Relevant Volunteer Activities

- 2023–present **Member**, *HSBXL - Hackerspace Brussels*
HSBXL is a collective of creatives, repairers, makers, and other kinds of hackers who have their own dedicated space in Brussels to be creative, repair broken devices, help and advise others, and teach each other about IT, electronics and maker devices.
Since summer of 2025 I've been a board member of HSBXL to help the organisation flourish from an organisational point of view as well.
- 2012–2024 **Member**, *ULYSSIS*
System administrator and web developer. I maintained a group of servers (hardware and software) for our student hosting services, but also worked on projects such as the 24 hour run counting system and stemt.org voting system.
From 2013 to 2016 I was president of ULYSSIS (chairing assemblies, motivating members, final technical responsibility for our servers and systems, and event organisation).
- 2020–2022 **Member**, *CORSCI UCLouvain*
Volunteer member of the PhD council of the Corps Scientifique at UCLouvain concerning issues PhD students face, LGBTQ+ visibility at the university, working conditions, etc.
- 2016–2020 **Grant Commission Member**, *LOKO*
Assessment of grant applications & interpretation and application of grant rules and regulations.
- 2013–2014 **Curriculum Commission English**, *KU Leuven*
Student representative

Languages

- Dutch **Native proficiency**
- English **Near-native proficiency**
- French **Good working proficiency**
- German, Swedish **Basic proficiency**

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