

Curriculum Vitae

Gert R.B. Schepens

Project manager, Systems architect, Linux Specialist,
Trainer & Entrepreneur-at-large.



Always interested in hearing about great challenges in project management and system engineering or where those worlds are looking to collide. Always ready to write an interesting article.

- Strongly driven by personal interest and curiosity, enriched by experience.
- IT specialist with more than 10 years of experience in designing, setting up and managing GNU/Linux ecosystems.
- Versatile Project manager with more than 5 years of experience in Lean and Prince2 projects for startups & Government instances.
- Experienced trainer, Published author.

A questing mind and a good drive to get to the bottom of things.

Personalia

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Professional Experience

A selection of recent noteworthy projects:

The *Chancellery of the Prime Minister* contacted me to take on the *project management* for a long struggling project with a different government instance. To get it back on it's proper Prince2 rails. An interesting challenge on a technical and human level. A project with a heavy and problematic history. A large number of actors with strong professional and philosophical differences.

Project management at Schip.Gent brings unique challenges and opportunities. Using the most diverse lean PM techniques to realize the most optimal "fail early, fail well" situation. For a very diverse set of projects in all sectors.

I was offered the ultimate green field at *Afdeling Wegen en Verkeer* as their "*Agile Cloud Consultant*", and asked to bring their complete baremetal java infrastructure to "The Cloud". Devops, continuous integration, continuous delivery, Microservices, .. A big project with a small team on the bleeding edge. For an enormous java stack, built by 4 teams in government context.

DGTL (2012 – ..)	Owner, PM & IT consultant.
schip.gent (2016 – ..)	Managing Partner, Project manager
Kanselarij van de Eerste Minister (2016 - 2017)	Project Manager
Agentschap Wegen & Verkeer (2014 – 2016)	Agile Cloud Consultant
Prophets (2013)	Tech audit.
NDRX (2013)	System admin and troubleshooting.
Ogilvy (2013)	Tech audit.
Universiteit Gent (2008 – 2014)	Project manager & Perl Specialist.
Open Future (2009 – 2012)	Linux & FOSS consultant & trainer.
Cronos (2008 – 2009)	Linux & Open Source Consultant
2Mpact (2007 – 2008)	System administrator.

Detailed information is available on LinkedIn.

Other Experience

Gent Lean Coffee meetup (2016 - ..) Co-Founder & Organiser
JCI (2013 - ..) Member, Commission director,
Communications Director
Community manager.
Highborn (2009 - 2011) Technical & change management.
Ring of Doom (2004 - 2009) Team leader (bar team) & management.
Jeugdhuis Leeuwerik (2003 - 2005)

Training

Scrum Master. 2016
PRINCE2 Practitioner. 2016
PRINCE2 Foundation. 2016
Creatieve Generalist. 2016
Public speaking class. Kirsten Ujvari, 2015
JCI Relationship Styles. 2014
SBS Mijn persoonlijke doelstelling. 2014
JCI Trainer. 2013
JCI Presenter. 2013
JCI Improvisation for Success. 2013
JCI Impact. 2013
JCI Achieve. 2013
JCI Jumpstart your chapter 2013
Advanced Puppet for Puppet Masters. 2011
jQuery. 2011
RedHat Certified Technician. 2009
Bachelor in de Toegepaste Informatica - Specialisatie Systeem administratie,
Hogeschool Gent, 2007
Jeugdwerk beleids-opleidingen rond Jeugthuizen. 10+ opleidingen
Formaat (VFJ), 2002 - 2005
Hoofdanimator in het Jeugdwerk. VFJ, 2004

Proficiencies

Project Management

Methodologies. PRINCE2, Scrum, Pomodoro, Kanban, Lean, Agile, DevOps
Fields. Infrastructuur, Migratie, Web, IT backend, Web retail, Social media,
Greenfield

Analysis. People Management, Change management, Team management &
coaching

Production Management. Analyse, planning, rapportering, van start tot
productie, upgrade paden

Technology Management. productkeuze, architectuur planning, interne
opleidingen en kennis management.

Management tools. Redmine, Jira/Confluence, Smartsheets, Trello

Business growth. Lean startup, Business model canvas, Value proposition design, Creatieve denktechnieken

Technical overview

Linux. Redhat (RHCT #605008677719176), Centos, Debian, Ubuntu, Gentoo, Slackware

Amazon Web Services: EC2, S3, RDS, ELB, EBS, Elasticsearch, SNS, KMS, Cloudwatch, SES, SQS, Cloudformation, ..

Windows. Windows NT, XP and earlier

Android. Vanilla AOSP, CyanogenMod, CM Development

Server Administration. Puppet (Puppet Master), Ansible (inclusief Ansible-pull)

Virtualisation. Xen, KVM, Virtualbox, RHEV, Vagrant

Networking. DNS, DHCP, iptables, Bridging, Bonding, PXE, OpenVPN, NFS, GlusterFS, Samba

Monitoring. Nagios, Zabbix

Backup. Bacula, Amanda, rsync

Security. General best practices, SELinux, AppArmor, ..

Programming. Perl, Bash, Ruby, PHP, .net, Javascript, jQuery, Java, ..

Web Technologies. Apache, nginx, MySQL, Tomcat, Drupal, Wordpress, Mediawiki, iText, Atlassian (Jira, Confluence, Bamboo), Redmine, OTRS, Gitlab, Rundeck, Sandstorm, Let's Encrypt, Custom development

Versioning tools. SVN, GIT, Subversion

Buzzwords: Devops, Continuous integration, Continuous delivery, Microservices, End to end full stack automation, ..

Other activities

Blogger, Book enthusiast, Biercollectie host, Cat lover, Climber, Comics reader, Entrepreneur, Father, Games fan, Husband, JCI, Linux specialist, Project manager, Roleplayer, Snowboarder, Tech geek, Writer, ..