

Curriculum Vitae of Felix De Vlieghe

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Profile

This is the CV of Felix De Vlieghe, senior PHP software engineer and consultant located in Gent, Belgium. I have a passion for everything PHP-related, and have been developing enterprise PHP applications for over 6 years now. I'm also Zend PHP5 Certified and one of the first Zend Framework Certified engineers in Belgium.

Current interests are PHP-QA (overall quality assurance for the PHP project), everything related to enterprise PHP development and mobile iOS development. I'm also the co-founder of a Benelux PHP user group and community called PHPBenelux. I'm basically trying to advocate PHP as much as possible everywhere I go, and try to do so as a regular conference speaker (e.g.: Confoo, PHPBenelux, PHP Northwest, phpDay Italia).

Specialist skills

- Over 6 years of experience in application development with PHP
- Functional and technical designs, scoping projects
- Agile development, software testing (unit, functional...)
- OOP PHP5, design patterns, refactoring, PHP4 to PHP5 migrations
- Webservices using SOAP and REST
- Scalable and distributed setups, Memcached, Gearman, Varnish
- Tooling: git and svn, Hudson CI, QA tools:
<http://qualityassuranceinphpprojects.com/pages/tools.html>
- Development workflows, SDLC, standardization
- PHP Frameworks, such as Zend Framework, CodeIgniter and Symfony
- Knowledge of Linux OS and system administration, virtualization
- Language skills:
 - Dutch: native language
 - English: good written and verbal skills
 - French: sufficient understanding and basic verbal skills

Professional Experience

PHPBenelux community / user group

May 2008 - Present

Co-founder and crew

Together with a colleague, I started a Belgium PHP user group and community under the name PHPBelgium – now PHPBenelux. We organize meetings and conferences to share knowledge amongst PHP developers in the Benelux. More information can be found on the website at <http://www.phpbenelux.eu>

PHP Group

June 2008 – Present

Contributor

Contributing with PHPT tests to improve overall stability and QA of the PHP Core. I also assist and mentor PHP TestFests (<http://testfest.php.net/>).

Ibuildings, Vlissingen, the Netherlands December 2008 – Present
Senior software engineer / professional services consultant

At Ibuildings, I'm senior developer and lead for a development team. I specialize in high performance and scalable application setups. I'm lead developer on NU.nl, a high-traffic Dutch news website generating 15 million pageviews a day. Further clients I've worked on include de Bijenkorf (<http://www.debijenkorf.nl>) and Turner Broadcasting (<http://www.turner.com/>).

COMBELL Group NV, Gent, Belgium July 2007 – December 2008
System and software engineer

As a software engineer, I was responsible for the total workflow and development of most internal applications and SOAP services written in PHP. I also worked on Linux system engineering and virtualization solutions using Xen and Virtuozzo.

ExxonMobil, Antwerp, Belgium July 2006 - August 2006
Application and database developer

This was a summer job during my high-school education. I designed a back-end database model and developed a front-end application to use in the Antwerp Polymer Plant department of ExxonMobil.

Mebrom NV, Belgium July 2005 - August 2005
Web application developer

This was a summer job during my high-school education. Developing an OOP CMS using PHP5 and MySQL. The CMS featured a customizable templating engine, multilanguage support and used a self-written framework in order to deploy the same website structure in 5 countries the company was active in.

Webware, Belgium January 2003 - Sept. 2004
Co-founder and system engineer

Co-founded the webhosting company Webware, which filled in a market segment for hosting services aimed at developers, students and small companies. Involved with the initial start-up, Linux system engineering, maintenance and support. Webware has been merged with Host4All in 2006 under the name VibiT Bvba. <http://www.webware.be> and <http://www.vibit.eu>

Gentoo Linux March 2003 - July 2005
Contributor

Joined the team to work on certain KDE ebuilds and work on the installer cd.

Education & Affiliations

Bachelor Computer Sciences, Multimedia Sept. 2004 - July 2007
Artevelde, Mariakerke

C++ programming course Sept. 2003 - March 2004
VDAB, Wevelgem

High school Informatics Sept. 2001 - July 2003
Visitatie, Mariakerke

ZCE - Zend Certified PHP5 Engineer May 2008
Zend Technologies

ZFCE – Zend Framework Certified Engineer September 2008
Zend Technologies