

Curriculum Vitae

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Languages: English, Spanish
Programming Languages: Python, Go, C, C++

The Short Version

Senior Python developer, lots of engineering management experience, years and years of remote work and managing remote teams, great communication skills both oral and written, long Open Source history of contributions, Motto: "I have probably seen one of those, even if not that specific one."

Work Experience

I was junior, then senior sysadmin at the Universidad Nacional del Litoral (<http://www.unl.edu.ar>) between 1995 and 2000, where I ended supervising what was at one time one of the largest networks in the province (over 500 computers and 5000 users was a lot in 1997).

I resigned there to work with Conectiva, a linux distribution maker (then part of Mandriva, then Mageia?) when they opened their Buenos Aires branch, as technical director in charge of all technical operations between 2000 and 2001 when they closed.

Then I became an independent consultant, and finally started my own company in 2006, called Net Managers. We did system integration and administration, as well as some custom software developments, all using open source software.

As external consultants with all our client companies, I was in constant contact and coordination with over a dozen different teams and projects.

In 2010 I closed that company to work at Canonical, the makers of Ubuntu, first as an Engineering Manager and later on as a developer because I wanted a more technical role.

For a change of pace, I decided to experience working in an office setting again, so in 2017 I started working as lead Software Architect at Onapsis, a SAP security product company.

In 2018 I moved to a position as Engineering Manager at Medallia, **the** leading customer experience software company.

In 2019 I had some health issues and decided to go back to remote working, and took a position as developer in Thirstie INC, a company working to facilitate spirit e-commerce in the US.

In all my positions I have been in charge of coordinating technical teams, and in Net Managers, Canonical and Thirstie, the teams operated in a distributed fashion, since both companies had all employees working remotely. In Medallia I also managed remotely because my team was partly located in the US.

Free Software Experience

I have a long standing connection to free software. I was one of the first members of the KDE development team.

Other than that, I have written many minor free software applications, some just for fun, others for more serious purposes. I wrote a number of desktop applications using PyQt. One of them, a text editor called Marave was reviewed in Linux Journal and here's a quote from the magazine:

"Marave doesn't just have minimalism and simplicity, it has minimalism and simplicity combined with beauty and a palpable design ethic. Marave has soul."

John Knight

I also did some more traditional command line applications. For example `rst2pdf`, which has become a popular way to generate PDFs from reStructured text. It has been used to typeset books, create slides for presentations, and lots more (like this CV).

My biggest project is called [Nikola](#), a featureful static website and blog generator, with over 1000 GitHub stars, and a lively development community. I founded it and wrote most of it.

Education and Other Things

I dropped out of what's called a "Licenciatura en Matemática Aplicada", which is similar to an Applied Maths degree in the US when I was two exams away from graduating it, because of family reasons, and because I started to work as a sysadmin fulltime to support myself.

But I kept learning and improving. I am a good communicator, both in a direct, 1-1 situation and in other contexts. I have written parts of two books which I have not finished (<http://nomuerde.ralsina.me/> and <https://ralsina.gitlab.io/boxes-book/>), have a Youtube channel about programming (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UckhuT9X-OT05nLsLLrtQ_WQ), and speak in conferences every once in a while.