

# Curriculum Vitae

## ***Gert R.B. Schepens***

Agile change agent & scrum master  
Project manager, Linux Specialist, Coach  
& Entrepreneur-at-large.



Interested in challenges around change, people and taking the collective to a higher level. Fascinated by agile systems engineering. Always ready to write an interesting article.

- Strongly driven by personal interest and curiosity, enriched by experience.
- Strong background in agile teams & enterprise. Grown from classic IT projects from Prince2 to agile. Versatile Project manager with broad experience in startups, Government and finance.
- IT specialist with more than 10 years of experience in designing, setting up and managing GNU/Linux ecosystems.
- 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:*

At belfius, I built 2 sturdy teams during their rocky SAFe Agile Transformation. As scrum master, coach and lead of their internal Scrum Masters community of practice. Shaping the human & technological aspects.

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
Belfius (2017 - ..)	Scrum master, 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.

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## ***Other Experience***

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

## ***Training***

Introduction to Psychology. Coursera Yale. 2019  
SAFe basics. 2019  
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. SAFe, PRINCE2, Scrum, Pomodoro, Kanban, Lean, Agile, DevOps. Humaneness, empathy & NLP

Fields. Infrastructuur, Migratie, Web, IT backend, Web retail, Social media, Greenfield

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

Production Management. Analysis, planning, reporting, from scratch to productie, upgrade paths

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Technology Management. product choice, architecture planning, internal training and knowledge management

Management tools. Redmine, Jira/Confluence, Smartsheets, Trello, Target Process, Asana, Google Drive.

Business growth. Lean startup, Business model canvas, Value proposition design, Creative thinking techniques

## **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, Roleplayer, Snowboarder, Tech geek, Writer,

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