

# Bert Van de Poel

## Curriculum Vitae

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## Soft Skills

Team Management   Multilingual Cooperation   Customer Care   Leadership   Critical Thinking   Long-term Planning  
Tech Non-Tech Translation   Team Motivation   Upselling   Data Science   Data Visualisation   Data-driven   High Integrity

## Technical Skills

Linux System Administration   Apache HTTP server   PHP   PowerDNS   DNS   Bind   Postfix   Dovecot   Spamassassin  
Bash   Python Scripting   MySQL/MariaDB   PostgreSQL   SQL   OpenLDAP   NFS   ZFS   Fail2ban   Shorewall  
UFW   Nginx   HAproxy   Keepalived   Munin   Zabbix   ISC DHCP Server   Apt/Deb   Git   PureFTPd   ProFTPd  
Rsyncd   Bareos   Rsyslog   HTML, CSS, Javascript   DirectAdmin   Statistics in Go, R and Python   ...

## Work Experience

2023–present **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, upselling, 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.

Summer 2019 **Student 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.

Summer 2018 **Student job: IT team member**, *Euro Gijbels*

Auditing, documentation and analysis of IT processes. Migration to project management and version control. Troubleshooting and daily maintenance.

2015–2018 **Student job: IT team leader**, *Sagalassos Archaeological Research Project, KU Leuven*

As leader of the IT team during the yearly summer campaigns of 2015, 2016 and 2018, I was responsible for a general cleanup and overhaul in the IT infrastructure and systems of the project to better support the research happening, as well as the preparation for the IT segment of the Hercules Fund application. During the campaign of 2017 I was remotely available for advice and guidance.

2013–2014 **Student job: IT team member**, *Sagalassos Archaeological Research Project, KU Leuven*

System administration, web development, programming, automation troubleshooting and user support during the yearly summer campaign of 2013 and 2014, with the main aim to support the automation of tasks making for a smoother gathering and processing of research data.

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## 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

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## Additional education

- 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

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## 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.
- 2020–2023 **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.
- 2013–2016 **President**, *ULYSSIS*  
Chairing the members assembly, general assembly and executive assembly. Final responsibility for all aspects of the non-profit, including hosting services, external projects, workshops and job fair.
- 2013–2014 **Curriculum Commission English**, *KU Leuven*  
Student representative
- 2012–2024 **Member**, *ULYSSIS*  
System administrator and web developer. Worked on projects such as the 24 hour run counting system, stemt.org voting system and the interfacultaire sports cup score registration system.
- 2014–2016 **Webmaster**, *Kring Babylon*  
Continued maintenance, theme and plugin development and general assistance with IT as a freelance volunteer.
- 2011–2014 **Webmaster and presidium member**, *Kring Babylon*  
Deployment of new website, development of two bookshop systems and several themes and plugins, as well as advice and support as part of the presidium.

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## Languages

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

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