

20+

YEARS SHIPPING

200+

PROJECTS DELIVERED

20M+

USERS SERVED

2

ACQUISITIONS

I embed with growth-stage SaaS teams to unblock delivery, own architecture, and ship AI features. I stay in the codebase myself. 20+ years building production systems, two CTO roles, and a studio I co-founded and sold. Remote from GMT+2, full EU and US East overlap.

EXPERIENCE

ROLE & ORGANISATION	PERIOD
Founder Underwulf · Cape Town · Remote - Custom software studio for MVPs, web applications, API integrations, and AI products. - Embedded engineering lead work: I own delivery, architecture, and write production code.	Jan 2024 – Present
Co-founder Machine Republic · London · Remote - Technical leadership for custom software, API integrations, and LLM features. - Led architecture, set CI/CD standards, mentored the team; delivery measured on client ROI.	Sep 2022 – Present
Founder · Lead Architect Indiemaker · Remote - Built and scaled the largest marketplace for buying and selling side-projects and micro-SaaS. - Led platform migration from Laravel to Rails; 1,000+ new makers monthly at 99.9% uptime.	Mar 2020 – Present
Senior Software Engineer & Solutions Architect Code Maven · Cape Town · Hybrid - Led architecture and full-stack delivery for Pepkor NexTech, one of Africa's largest retailers. - Drove cloud migration, CI/CD, and integration across Java, Go, Python, PHP, and JavaScript. - CTO through the acquisition (Oct 2021 to Jan 2022). Owned strategy and stakeholders.	Oct 2020 – Sep 2022
CTO & Co-founder MyPerks · Cape Town - Built mobile apps (Flutter) and Ruby on Rails backend for B2B perks and rewards platform. - Integrated Google Cloud Vision, payment processing, and infrastructure. Exited via acquisition.	Dec 2018 – Mar 2021

EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

Co-founder & Senior Engineer

Jul 2010 – Oct 2019

Wixel · Stellenbosch · Remote

- Co-founded and led a profitable studio. 200+ projects across fintech, gaming, and big data.
- Architected BLU Loyalty, an enterprise platform serving 9M users for a major MENA retail group.
- Won Frost & Sullivan Excellence Award; studio sold (2019).

Senior Full-Stack Engineer

Jan 2008 – Sep 2010

Yola.com · Remote

- Early engineer at one of the first no-code website builders.
- Built the core PHP framework, payment system, and APIs; scaled from 10K to 11M users.

PRODUCTS & OPEN SOURCE

Craaft	Founder · Kanban SaaS for teams that plan and ship without bloat.	craaft.io
Ecko	Creator · Rust-based programming language with AI as a primitive.	ecko.sh
Nitro	Creator · Python static site generator and UI toolkit.	nitro.sh
DesignClipboard	Creator · Chrome extension that copies colors, fonts, and styles.	Chrome Web Store
Open source	Nitro CLI · Nitro UI · GUMP · Amethyst · Nitro DataStore	github.com/sn

CAPABILITIES

- Engineering leadership & delivery
- Software architecture & platform design
- AI / LLM integration & agentic workflows
- Cloud infrastructure & reliability
- Technical due diligence
- Legacy modernisation & scale-up

STACK & CREDENTIALS

LANGUAGES	Python · Ruby · PHP · Rust · JavaScript · TypeScript · Go · Java
PLATFORM	Rails · Django · FastAPI · Flutter · PostgreSQL · Redis · AWS · GCP · Stripe
CERTIFIED	Google Cloud Professional Cloud Architect (2025) · AWS Solutions Architect (2017)

“At Wixel we always joked that we do the impossible — and much of that was possible because Sean was our CTO.”

Beverley Merriman · Founder, Indiemaker

Available for contract engagements, embedded leadership, and senior engineering roles.

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