

Levi Van Zele

Founder, Product & Technology Lead



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I connect business decisions with the software behind them. At Punfyre I lead product and engineering and stay involved in the code, from the first questions to the service running in production.

I combine software development and architecture with a focus on usability. I also guide teams through technical decisions and work with automation and applied AI.

Professional profile

- Product priorities and technical roadmaps that support business decisions
- Architecture, delivery quality and practical technical risk assessment
- A clear working relationship between management, developers and suppliers

Technical background

Frontend & mobile: React, Next.js, Astro, Vue, Quasar, Nuxt, TypeScript, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, Android, iOS, Flutter and Dart.

Backend & infrastructure: Node.js, NestJS, PostgreSQL, MySQL, REST, GraphQL, Docker, Kubernetes, Redis, MQTT, GCP and AWS.

Delivery & product: Git, CI/CD, testing and E2E, Agile, Kanban, Scrum, system and UI design, user research, Python, Java and applied AI.

Languages

Dutch: native. English: fluent. French: professional. German and Japanese: basic.

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Professional experience

Punfyre: Founder, Product & Technology Lead

July 2019 to present | Wevelgem, Belgium

- Leads product and engineering, from understanding the problem and setting priorities to architecture, implementation and support.
- Builds user-friendly software and owned products, with particular experience in care and other contexts where reliability and trust matter.
- Combines hands-on development with company direction, delivery decisions and long-term partnerships. Offers that involvement to other organisations through fractional CTO support.

Amicimi: Lead Software Developer

July 2019 to January 2021 | Ghent, Belgium

- Developed software for a real-time personal alarm platform and expanded its alarm capabilities.
- Amicimi later became a Punfyre product, now called Alarmira.

Smappee: Software Developer

October 2017 to July 2019 | Harelbeke, Belgium

- Redesigned and built the customisable Smappee Dashboard.
- Integrated IoT devices and real-time data into applications for energy management and smart charging.

Bayer Crop Science: Lead Frontend Developer

June 2015 to October 2017 | Ghent, Belgium

- Led frontend development on data-intensive analysis tools.
- Worked with researchers and data scientists to make specialist workflows usable for the people doing the work.

Honeywell Elster: Software Developer, later frontend team lead

July 2011 to June 2015 | Kortrijk, Belgium

- Worked on Enacto energy management software and later led the frontend team on the Connexo smart energy platform.
- Developed responsive applications for customers in international energy markets.

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Education

Howest: Bachelor of Applied Informatics, high distinction

2008 / 2011

End-to-end software development. Team projects included AI-assisted planning for children with learning difficulties. Internship at Transics, working on route lookup optimisation.

Heilige Familie Ieper: IT management, secondary education

2006 / 2008

Software development, networking and systems, with projects in Visual Basic .NET and web technologies.

Additional training

- First aid training, Securex, June 2018
- Prevention advisor level 3, Securex, June 2018
- Restaurateur and catering contractor certificate, FOD Economie, February 2012

Contact

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