

Rodolfo Lopes | Curriculum Vitae

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Projects

Besides some brief exercises and experiments (all of them public in my GitHub page), the main projects are a home lab and two webapps (both publicly exposed).

Homelab

It is the most important element of my portfolio. It is a self-hosted Kubernetes cluster (k3s) that serves 3 public apps (2 of them with authentication). It is fully managed through GitOps, and the code is publicly available in a [GitHub repository](#). Its main features are:

- FluxCD for GitOps
- SOPS for cryptography
- Renovate + CronJob for automatic dependency updates
- Traefik for ingress
- Prometheus/Grafana for observability
- Security: workloads are limited to a non-root user with a dedicated filesystem, secrets are encrypted with SOPS, public exposure is done via CloudFlare Tunnel

Webapp fogos

It is a simple SPA ([publicly exposed](#) through the homelab) that shows live information about wildfires in Portugal. Besides some utility it may have, it represents the full path from commit to production:

1. I write the [code](#)
2. The container image is built and published in GPCR by GitActions
3. Renovate creates a Pull Request for the change
4. I review and approve the change
5. The new version is served.

Webapp blog

It's my **personal blog** (implementation details in the **about page**), where I document the implementation of my projects. Its relevance for DevOps has to do with the pipeline for content writing and publishing:

1. I write a note in Obsidian and set **draft: false** in the frontmatter
2. Obsidian automatically pushes to the **blog-posts repository**
3. GitActions (using **rsync**) filter the files by **draft: false** and pushes to the **blog repository**
4. The push triggers Vercel's Git integration to build and deploy the app with the new posts
5. The **Gitbook page** of the **blog-posts repository** is also updated

Experience

Technical Consultant

Bridge351 @ Cyberinspect (NOS SGPS) | February 2025 > present

- **Created a pipeline** to get OWASP SAMM v2 assessments from customers and generate documentation. Instead of filling a tedious XLSX template, the customer would answer to an optimized web survey. From our internal side, the documentation was automatically created.
- **Created a malware testing environment** with three layers (OS > KVM > Nested Virtualization with Kata), a Node dummy app to trigger the malware, and the malware itself. It was meant to measure the effects of a classic recursive zip bomb in terms of CPU consumption, RAM and storage.
- **Created a PoC for a platform to monitor breach data and to produce notifications** that consumes data from the **Have I Been Pwned (HIBP)** API and sends notifications to the service subscribers. It was adopted for further development and turned into a NOS product ("ID Watch").
- **Created a PoC for an API-first, event-driven, Domain Reconnaissance Pipeline** that accepts a domain name and fans out work through RabbitMQ to a set of containerized workers. The system collects data from the targets and produces a structured report covering subdomain exposure, CMS/technology fingerprinting, and known vulnerabilities. It was adopted for further development and it's still under development.
- **Reproduced the exploitation of the vulnerabilities** that were found by the NOS Offensive Security team while testing Cyberinspect's main application. All exploits were validated and documented, and I've also found more vulnerabilities.
- **Tested AI-powered offensive tools**, specifically open-source projects like **Cybersecurity AI (CAI)** and **Strix**, with the purpose to update our team knowledge about AI in cybersecurity.
- **Created assessments to determine cybersecurity compliance obligations**, specifically for the Portuguese certification framework (QNRCS). The assessments weren't implemented, because, meanwhile, the framework was deeply upgraded by new legal obligations.

Teaching Assistant (Cybersecurity)

Code for All | September 2023 > February 2025

- **Designed and deployed intentionally vulnerable environments in AWS**, so that students can perform the bootcamp's final project (a complete Penetration Test). These environments were implemented in the company
- **Produced educational materials**, such as contents for lectures, slidedecks and practical exercises (infrastructure and scripting) for the cybersecurity operations bootcamp. These materials were implemented in the company
- **Delivered lectures** on Operating Systems (mainly Linux), networking, and cybersecurity operations. The feedback from the students was always excellent
- **Helped students to troubleshoot** errors and misconfigurations that interrupt and suspend the flow of an exercise. The feedback from the students was always excellent

Teaching Assistant (Full-Stack Development)

Code for All | January > September 2023

- **Delivered lectures** on Object-Oriented Programming and Software Development in Java. The feedback from the students was always excellent
- **Helped students to debug** errors and misconfigurations that interrupt and suspend the flow of a coding exercise. The feedback from the students was always excellent.

Professor of Philosophy

Universidade de Brasília | 2015 > 2022

- Taught Ancient Greek Philosophy
- Supervised master and doctoral research projects
- Published books and scientific articles
- Edited a scientific journal
- Managed a post-graduate programme in Metaphysics

Doctoral Researcher

Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia | 2009 > 2014

- Developed and implemented a research project on Plato's philosophy
- Presented current research in conferences

Junior Researcher

Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia | 2006 > 2009

- Assisted senior researchers
- Implemented a fully digital scientific publisher
- Implemented an e-learning master programme on Classics

Education

Academic

- **PhD in Poetics and Hermeneutics** | Universidade de Coimbra | 2009-2014
- **Master in Classics** | Universidade de Coimbra | 2006-2009
- **Bachelor in Portuguese and Classics** | Universidade de Coimbra | 2002-2006

Non-academic

- **Cybersecurity Operations Bootcamp** | Code for All | September 2023 > February 2024
- **Full-Stack Development Bootcamp** | Code for All | September > December 2022

Professional Development

- **Roteiro NIS 2** | Centro Nacional de Cibersegurança / Instituto Politécnico da Guarda | 2026 (7h)
- **Diploma in ISO 27001:2022 - Information Security Management System (ISMS)** | Alison | 2025 (20h)
- **OSINT Workshop** | The Cyber Institute | 2025 (3.5h)
- **Open-source Intelligence** | The Basel Institute on Governance | 2025 (5h)
- **Ciberdefesa e Princípios Legislativos** | Centro Nacional de Cibersegurança / Instituto Politécnico de Viseu | 2025 (35h / 2 ECTS)
- **PCEP - Certified Entry-Level Python Programmer** | Python Institute | 2021
- **System Administration and IT Infrastructure Services** | Google | 2019 (23h)
- **Google IT Support Certificate** | Google | 2019 (120h)

Language Skills

Human Languages

- **Portuguese:** native
- **English** ●●●●●
- **Spanish** ●●●●○
- **Italian** ●●●○○
- **French** ●●○○○

Programming Languages

- **Java** ●●●●○
- **Python** ●●●●○
- **JavaScript/TypeScript** ●●●●○
- **Bash** ●●●●○
- **Go** ●●○○○
- **Powershell** ●●○○○