

DROIDBENDER · FREELANCE ANDROID ENGINEER · BELGIUM



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14+

years on Android

12+

shipped client apps

10M+

app downloads

2013

running DroidBender

ABOUT

Senior Android, fourteen years in

Senior Android developer from Belgium running my own one-person studio, DroidBender, since 2013. Most of those years spent as the senior Android profile dropped into a client's team, from big enterprise rollouts to two-person sprints, a national identity app to a kids' drawing game. I write tests first, prefer maintainable over clever, work inside the team rather than above it, and care most about the part the user actually touches. Easy to work with, and I'll tell you straight when an idea is going to cost six months for nothing.

SELECTED WORK

Things I've helped build

- i** **itsme Digital ID** 2021–now
Android on Belgium's national digital-identity app, ~8M users logging in, confirming payments and signing legally-binding e-signatures. Banking-grade bar for security, stability and accessibility.
- O** **ONWARD Medical** 2021
Interim Android lead at a spinal-cord-injury medical-device company, from non-invasive stimulation to brain-spine interfaces. Senior, hands-on, under NDA. Near Eindhoven.
- Y** **Telenet Yugo TV** 2018–2021
Led the Android side of Telenet's TV app, live TV, replays and on-demand. Kept a deliberately dynamic frontend scalable, embedded in-house with design and backend.
- H** **Philips Hue** 2017–2018
Senior profile on the 2017 redesign (team of eight); led the new architecture, Hue Bridge comms and room/scene state. Now well past 10M downloads.
- S** **Efteling Symbolica** 2015–2017
Built the interactive in-vehicle touch system, through my company Taptosa, for Efteling's trackless dark ride. The world's first park to put this kind of interactivity into a dark ride.
- K** **Ketnet drawing game** 2014–2017
Built the drawing and colouring side of VRT's Ketnet Junior app: raw touch turned into a smooth, non-laggy tool a toddler can use, even on a cheap tablet.
- B** **BNNVARA** 2014–2017
Built the Android app for the Dutch broadcaster on the Zender interactive-video platform: daily video, polls, quizzes and small games.

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- B** **Blokken** 2014–2017
Built the companion app for VRT's long-running quiz show: play along with the next episode, duel others, or chase a solo streak.

 - E** **Efteling park app** 2013–2014
Built the first version in a team of two in ~2 months against a hard deadline: live wait times, schedules, park map. 1M+ downloads, ~4.7★.

 - F** **FibriCheck** 2016
Android for a clinically-validated heart-rhythm check from a 60-second fingertip camera measurement (PPG). Medical-grade, tight real-time constraints.

 - V** **Mobile Vikings** 2014–2015
Consumer app for the Belgian operator including VoIP-over-data: real-time usage, top-ups, plans and deals. Big, real mass-market user base.

 - B** **Bringme** 2016–2017
Built the Android half of the smart-locker hardware running deliveries, mail and visitors for offices and apartment buildings.

MY OWN VENTURES

Things I've built myself

- R** **Roxanne** Founder · DroidBender · 2024–now
Built and run a verified marketplace for adult services in Belgium end to end: mandatory provider ID verification, fully anonymous browsing, GDPR-first. The full founder stack, product, UX, payments, compliance and engineering.

- T** **Taptosa** Co-founder · Engineer · 2015–2018
Co-founded a company building modular interactive in-vehicle technology for dark rides, touch displays, sound, lighting, NFC personalisation. Efteling's Symbolica was the first ride in the world to run it.

RECOMMENDATIONS

In their words

"He has thorough knowledge of Android development and embraces new system aspects in a short time, sharing it vividly with his team, where he takes the role of lead developer. He showed entrepreneurship, the icing on a great IT professional."

Christophe Lambrechts · worked with Martijn at Telenet

"One of those colleagues that make your working life a lot more fun. When a deadline approaches he makes very pragmatic decisions to get the best result possible, and when architectural decisions had to be made, Martijn always found a solution."

Jelle Vandebecck · Senior iOS Developer, technical lead on Telenet Yugo

"We created the Android version of the Efteling app in less than two months. If I had to hire an Android programmer, he would be my first choice."

Christine Karman · Software developer, Efteling project