

CV JASPER VERELST

Freelance Digital Copywriter - consultant

9+ years of writing experience



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PERSONAL DETAILS

Born January 20th, 1984

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Professional experiences:

- 7+ years: Copywriter for marketing, advertising, SEO
- 2+ years: Journalist national newspaper
- 1+ year: Editor-in-chief national newspaper

Specific area of expertise - Skills:

- Advertising Copywriting
- Website Content Optimization & Managing
- Content Marketing
- Online Marketing
- Online Growth
- SEO search engine optimization
- WordPress-webdesign
- Online newspaper writing
- E-mail Marketing
- Social Media Marketing
- Personal branding
- User Experience (UX)
- Customer Retention
- Content Marketing

Sectors of activity:

- Online and print media (national and local)
- Online Marketing
- Retail
- Small businesses in many different sectors (from construction to insurances)
- E-commerce

IT Skills:

- Mac - Windows
- CMS (WordPress expertise)
- HTML, CSS
- Microsoft Office
- Photo editing with Adobe LightRoom – PhotoShop
- Different SEO-tools for on-page and off-page
- Google-tools (Analytics, AdWords, Search Console)
- E-mail marketing MailChimp / Aweber
- Social media tools
- Multi blogging tools

Main Strengths:

- Broad online marketing knowledge
- Ability to work independently
- Ability to work in a marketing team
- Ability to manage online marketing projects
- Good understanding of online growth principles, methods, tools
- Ability to write clear and motivating messages to the target audience
- Strong language skills in Dutch and English

Languages:

Dutch:	Native
English:	Fluent both written and spoken
French:	Good spoken and written but far from perfect
Spanish:	Good level but far from perfect

Education:

- **Professional bachelors degree in journalism** – Plantijn Hogeschool Antwerp (2007)

Specific trainings:

- Copywriting that Sells – Kopywritingcourse.com
- Sales Triggers in Copywriting – Joseph Sugarman
- How to Write Better – Neville Medhora
- Scientific Advertising – Claude C. Hopkins
- Webdesign (HTML, CSS, basis JavaScript) - NHA
- Google Digitaal Atelier - Google
- SEO – KG Academy & Yoast
- Google Analytics – KG Academy
- Google AdWords – KG Academy
- Lokale SEO – KG Academy
- Website optimalisatie – KG Academy
- Affiliate Marketing – ClickBank
- SEO THAT WORKS (technical & content marketing) – Backlinko

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN DETAIL

Employers, companies and projects

Colruyt Dreamland – Lot/Beersel	01/02/2020 - current
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(parttime consultancy mission via copybar.be)

Digital Copywriter Consultant

Tasks:

- Writing e-commerce product descriptions for webshop dreamland.be

CARREFOUR – Evere	09/09/2019 – 02/02/2020
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(consultancy mission via PYCOGroup)

Digital Copywriter Consultant

Tasks:

- SEO-copywriting
- Advertising copywriting
- E-mail copywriting
- SEO-optimization website CARREFOUR

SEO-tools used:

- ScreamingFrog
- SEMrush
- Google Keyword Finder
- Keywordtool.io

TRIODOS Bank – Brussels	01/04/2019 – 7/6/2019
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(consultancy mission via PYCOGroup)

Digital Copywriter Consultant

Tasks:

- Digital copywriter triodos.be website + blog
- Rewriting published content for more engagement website visitors
- Social media writer + moderation client contacts
- Proofreader
- Translator French - Dutch

AXA Bank en Verzekeringen – Brussels	22/11/2018 – 31/03/2019
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(consultancy mission via PYCOGroup)

Digital Copywriter Consultant

Tasks:

- Digital copywriter product pages insurances axa.be
- SEO-copywriter blog axa.be
- Ad writer slogans and ads
- Proofreader
- Translator French – Dutch
- Copywriter internal communication
- VP content owner internal and external communication
- Educating internal copywriters on seo-writing

Colruyt Collect&Go - Halle	1/8/2018 – 31/12/2018
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(consultancy mission via copybar.be)

Digital Copywriter Consultant

Collect&Go copywriting and website optimization

At Colruyt Collect&Go I'm a part of the online marketing team. My role is writing copy for the new website with excellent user experience (UX) for its users in mind. I regularly sit down together with project managers and developers to discuss the evolution of the project and copy. My input on UX and also advertising is regularly asked and appreciated.

Approach & main achievements

- Researching and collecting info current website
- Restructuring content
- Rewriting content for customer acquisition
- Rewriting content for customer retention
- Rewriting for better UX
- Rewriting for SEO

copybar.be	1/2014 – current
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Freelance Digital copywriter

Projects:

Xerius: optimising meta-titels and meta-descriptions for better findability and click-through

Graydon Belgium: ghost writing of blog articles on different topics for entrepreneurs

Boerenbond en Handelsgids: writing a manual on SEO and online marketing for small businesses

100+ different small businesses: Developing WordPress-websites SEO-proof, writing SEO-copy, blogging, social media integration and advertising (writing, tracking, monitoring), keyword-monitoring, linkbuilding, e-mail marketing integration + e-mail writing

Approach & main achievements

- WordPress-website development
- Writing SEO-copy
- Social media accounts setup and integration
- Social media marketing (writing, monitoring)
- AdWords-campagnes
- Keyword monitoring
- Linkbuilding
- E-mail marketing and listbuilding integration, writing e-mail campagnes, monitoring
- Dropship

Technical environment & methodologies

- Mac
- WordPress
- WordPress SEO-plugins for on-page optimization

- SEO-tools (AhRefs, mySiteAuditor, Search Console, ...)
- Mailchimp, Aweber
- E-commerce (WooCommerce, WooDropship, Shopify, ...)
- Social Media (LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Pinterest, SnapChat, HootSuite, ...)
- Multi blogging platforms (Storychief, Triberr, Medium, ...)

Proximedia - Anderlecht	1/2015 – mid 2017
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SEO-copywriter for small business websites (100+)

Proximedia SEO-copywriting agency

Approach & main achievements

- Writing copy for small businesses using basic info on prospect and business
- Applying SEO-techniques like keywords and meta-data
- Keyword research
- Gathering info from prospects
- Interviewing
- Online research for more info on different sectors
- Keeping up-to-date with SEO-trends and applying new on-page strategies

Technical environment & methodologies

- Writing SEO-texts in Word-files
- Sending in texts through in-house system
- Interviewing prospects face-to-face, by phone, by mail

De Persgroep Publishing - Asse	2/2012 – 12/2014
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Freelance journalist

Het Laatste Nieuws

After having experienced working at a national newspaper's desk, I decided to go and work 'in the field' as a newspaper journalist. Studying and understanding backgrounds on ongoing files and topics for writing better stories, networking online and offline, story hunting and article writing became my daily tasks. One of the biggest challenges I faced

in the beginning were the daily deadlines, required flexibility and many working hours without direct pay.

Approach & main achievements

- News hunting
- Networking / contact list building
- Article writing
- Interviewing
- Photography

Technical environment & methodologies

- Article writing in Word
- Sending in texts for editing through in-house system
- Taking pictures and basic editing in Adobe Lightroom before sending in
- Taking interviews face-to-face, by phone, by mail
- Online research for background info on files and stories
- Keeping contact with important 'suppliers of news'
- Attending city councils
- Working closely together to photographers and news desk

Corelio (Het Nieuwsblad) – Groot-Bijgaarden
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1/2011 - 12/2011

Editor-in-chief

Het Nieuwsblad

'Het Nieuwsblad' is one of Belgium's largest national newspapers. During a whole year I worked at the newspaper desk alongside experienced newspaper editors, designers and journalists. Together we planned, created, edited and managed daily newspaper editions. I started with a temporary contract of 3 months which was extended 3 times. Due to re-organizations my last contract was not extended.

Approach & main achievements

- Content planning for pages (articles and pictures)
- Follow-up and selection daily news in other media
- Giving directions to journalist and photographers
- Basic lay-out with in-house tool

- Articles writing and editing
- Interviewing prospects by phone
- Reporting to online desk for online newspaper edition
- Rewriting articles for online edition newspaper
- Reaching daily deadlines

Technical environment & methodologies

- Text editing
- Picture editing
- Page lay-out printed edition
- Using in-house tools comparable to Adobe Indesign, PhotoShop, Illustrator

REFERENCES YOU MAY CONTACT

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Colruyt Collect&Go	Sofie Coenen	Supervisor	+32(0)479-37.88.50
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