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INTRODUCTION

My passion lies in fostering innovation and driving strategic growth through collaborative problem-solving and stakeholder engagement. As a Corporate Creative Technologist and Technology Scout I specialize in bridging the gap between business needs and technical capabilities and guiding individuals and teams to design and deliver sustainable outcomes. My experiences include client facing and international firm internal IT- and management consulting projects. Currently based out of Berlin and Frankfurt am Main, with past work experiences in Istanbul, and federally funded institutions in Germany.

SKILLS

Corporate Competences	Workshop Facilitation, Rapid Prototyping, User Testing, Negotiation Management, Agile Team Leadership, Conflict resolution and Mediation, Community Leading, Data Science, Go-to-Market (GTM) Strategy, Market and User Research, Project Management
Corporate Toolset	Python, Power Automate, Copilot Studio, PowerPoint, Google Workspace, NextCloud, Asana, Slack, Trello, Miro, Mural, Blender, DaVinci Resolve, Premier Pro, Photoshop, Lightroom, Figma, VS Code.

EXPERIENCE

Technology Scout	2026 - present
PricewaterhouseCoopers GmbH WPG - Future and Immersive Technology Lab	<i>Frankfurt a.M., Hesse, DE</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technology scouting, evaluation, and partnership establishment for emerging tech adoption including thought leadership initiatives, proposal development, technology foresight workshop formats, and development of UX/UI prototypes for proof-of-concept solutions.• Coordination of EMEA innovation themes and global network-internal service offering initiatives.• Mentoring and development of junior consultants and talents within the innovation practices.	
Product Owner (International Assignment)	02/2025 - 08/2025
PwC Bağımsız Denetim ve SMMM A.Ş. - Digital Services - Artificial Intelligence Lab	<i>İstanbul, Beyoğlu, TR</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set-up, and organizational handover of an innovation-focused "client-zero" RD unit for the modernization of responsible, sovereign, and trusted client solutions.• Ideation, exploration, audit, and supervision of augmented human workflows for internal AI enablement.• Elaboration and support for the internal network of firms and its AI roadmap.• Set-up and community management of an EMEA-wide internal community of market-facing innovation hubs.	
Business Developer	2024 - 2025
PricewaterhouseCoopers GmbH WPG - PwC Germany Experience Center	<i>Frankfurt a.M., Hesse, DE</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supporting partnership developments with three globally active hyperscaler alliances and national alliances to position the offerings of the consulting services of PwC Germany,• Guiding and facilitating internal and external planning and development workshops ranging from 6 to 35 participants in Germany, the Netherlands, and Spain.• Establishing PMO and supporting tasks in preparation for Research, Development, and Prototyping for emerging technology solutions.• Support of market and client-facing workshops, events, and sessions within the PwC Experience Center.	

Creative Technologist

PricewaterhouseCoopers GmbH WPG - Experience Consulting - Tangible Labs

2022 - 2023

Berlin, Berlin, DE

- Leading an internal developer community for immersive technology (mixed, augmented, and virtual reality) development.
- Facilitation of multiple (virtual) international community events for topics on emerging technologies.
- Prototype development for the pharmaceutical and automotive industry.
- Guiding and facilitating internal and client-facing workshops and Learning and Development projects.

Enterprise Architect

PricewaterhouseCoopers GmbH WPG Technology Consulting - CIO Advisory

02/2021 - 2022

Berlin, Berlin, DE

- Upgraded IT-Architecture guiding principles for two federal public service entities and defended and established new rules regarding FOSS solutions, IT accessibility, usability and economical and ecological sustainability.
- Development of the firm-internal BXT Enterprise Architecture Framework.
- Preparation for Business Continuity Management (BSI 200-4) for multiple clients.

Research Assistant

Fraunhofer Institute for Open Communication Systems - ESPRI

10/2018 - 01/2021

Berlin, Berlin, DE

- Developed research prototypes in human-machine interaction.
- Created training content on data protection, privacy, online surveillance, and cybersecurity for the Fraunhofer Academy and the "Cybersecurity Learning Lab" while researching technical feasibility for project and funding applications.
- Scientific Council member for the Weizenbaum Institute with Advisory to the directorate on strategic and scientific priorities, research formats, and knowledge transfer initiatives.

Student Assistant

University of Potsdam - Chair for Social Media and Data Science

09/2017 - 09/2018

Potsdam, Brandenburg, DE

- Administrative and organizational development tasks during the establishment of the Weizenbaum Institute in Berlin on behalf of the University of Potsdam.
- Assisted research groups "Digital Technologies and Well-being" and "Digital Integration" with information gathering activities and testing and development of an Industry 4.0 automated solution.

PROJECTS

- **Research Papers on Privacy, Security, and Sonification.** Aided federally funded research and developed technical software and hardware demonstrators for interactive password strength sonification, online privacy and tracking, and cyber security trainings. (Open accessible paper at [Fraunhofer Publication](#))
- **GenAI Telephone - Retrofitting a rotary dial Telephone.** Conceived and build a hardware demonstrator showcasing responsible AI usage, AI Ethics, Anthropomorphism of Generative AI, and data and information validity as a conversation started. (Link to the [GitHub Repository](#))
- **Presifeed - Audience Response System.** Bootstrapped and developed an audience response tool for universities and events capable of handling hundreds of anonymous users on affordable hardware and cloud infrastructure. (Read an interview about the project in German [here](#))

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Teamer at Lebenshilfe Berlin e.V. a service for individuals with disabilities
- Volleyball, swimming, bouldering, running, former football referee for the Berliner Fußball-Verband e.V, former subject matter expert for public safety and (cyber-) security for the grassroots think tank Polis180 e.V.

EDUCATION

Master of Science - Information Systems, University of Potsdam, DE 2016 - 2020

First place in an international negotiation battle. Technology management and foresight analysis for Rohrbeck Heger GmbH. Developed an online marketing strategy for a Berlin-based B2B startup. Conceptualized and developed logistics prototypes, showcasing expertise in process optimization and innovation. Facilitated a strategic foresight methods workshop for a Leibniz Institute, enabling them to identify emerging trends and opportunities. Completed an IT consulting project, "Performance Appraisal Evaluation of Consulting Firms," providing data-driven recommendations for process improvement.

- Core Coursework: Data Science, Business Development, Innovation Management.
- Master's Thesis: "Modeling of Workflow Processes Aided by Computer Vision"

Bachelor of Science - Business Administration, University of Potsdam, DE 2012 - 2016

Developed an audience-response tool at the Free University Berlin, streamlining real-time feedback collection and analysis. Contributed to the marketing strategy and event management for a sustainable e-commerce startup, supporting their growth and brand awareness. Demonstrated leadership skills by leading teams of up to 9 students in hands-on marketing projects, fostering collaboration and driving results.

- Core Coursework: Sustainable Marketing Management, Innovation and Technology Management, B2B Marketing Management, Business Process Management
- Bachelor's Thesis: "Risk Calculation for Enterprise Cyber Security Incidents"