# Alexandre Decan

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# Expérience professionnelle

# Depuis Chercheur, UMONS, Mons.

02/2015

- Automated Assistance for Developing Software in Ecosystems of the Future SECO-ASSIST. Excellence of Science F.R.S. FNRS - FWO-Vlaanderen. Service de Génie Logiciel, depuis 08/2018.
- Socio-Technical Methodology and Analysis of Software Ecosystem Health SECOHealth. F.R.S. FNRS - FRQ Québec-Wallonie. Service de Génie Logiciel, 10/2017 - 07/2018.
- Data quality, data provenance and big data FEDER-IDEES. Fonds Européen de Développement Régional. Service des Systèmes d'Information, 01/2017 - 07/2021.
- Ecological Studies of Open Source Software Ecosystems ECOS. Actions de Recherche Concertées (ARC). Services de Génie Logiciel et d'Écologie Numérique des Milieux Aquatiques, 02/2015 - 07/2017.
- Assistant temporaire en Réseaux et Télécommunications, 2016.

# De 10/2014 Analyste fonctionnel, Smals, Bruxelles.

à 01/2015 Analyste fonctionnel dans le secteur Soins et Santé.

# De 10/2007 Assistant de recherche, UMONS, Mons.

- à 09/2014 Data-Intensive Software System Evolution. Collaborateur volontaire F.R.S.-FNRS.
  - Service de Génie Logiciel, 2013-2014.
  - Recherche et développement dans les systèmes d'information. Réalisation d'une thèse sur les problématiques de data quality et de data integrity. Service des Systèmes d'Information, 2007-2013.
  - Enseignement de cours de programmation, d'algorithmique, de bases de données, de datamining et de datawarehouse (cours de jour et horaires décalés); direction et encadrement de mémoires étudiants, 2007-2014.
- De 09/2013 Formateur-enseignant, Eurometropolitan e-Campus, Tournai.
  - à 01/2014 Formateur-enseignant en business intelligence dans le cadre du Certificat d'Université d'Executive Master en e-Entrepreneurship.
- De 09/2006 Élève-assistant, UMONS, Mons.
  - à 06/2007 Fonction d'élève-assistant pour les cours de programmation et d'algorithmique.
    - Stage en entreprise, S.A. ADLC, Péruwelz. 07/2006

Stage et réalisation d'un outil de suivi de commandes avancé pour l'intranet.

# Études

2007 à 2013 Docteur en Sciences, UMONS, Mons.

Soutenance d'une thèse intitulée "Certain Query Answering in First-Order Languages".

2007 à 2009 Formation doctorale, UMONS, Mons.

2003 à 2007 Licence en Sciences Informatiques, UMH, Mons.

- Projet d'année : "Synthèse vocale" traitement du signal en C/OCaml,
- Mémoire de fin d'études : "Distributed Backup System" développement réseau/P2P en Java.

1997 à 2003 Secondaire général, Collège Saint Julien, Ath.

Diplôme d'Honneur en option mathématiques et langues.

# Compétences informatiques

### Fouille de données.

Expert dans l'analyse, le traitement et la fouille de données (data mining, data quality, data cleaning, machine learning). Maitrise de pandas, scipy, sklearn, matplotlib (stack Jupyter) et des outils de mining RapidMiner, Orange et Weka.

#### Base de données.

Maitrise de SQL, X-path, du XSLT, XML Schema et XQuery. Expérience pratique en PostgreSQL, SQLite, MySQL/MariaDB, Redis, MongoDB.

### Développement.

Expert Python. Expérience de développement en Java, Kotlin, JavaScript, C et PHP; développement mobile & web. Expérience open source (mainteneur de projets & contributeur).

### Gestion de projets.

Méthodologies agiles (Scrum), modélisation (UML, ER), gestion de versions (Git, SVN), bug tracking, testing (test- and behavior-driven development), virtualisation (Vagrant, Docker). Connaissance approfondie des systèmes Linux et Windows.

# Divers

#### Langues.

• Français (langue maternelle), anglais (B2 - pratique courante) et néerlandais (A2 - notions)

### Développement.

- Mainteneur et contributeur open-source
- Webmaster d'un site communautaire depuis 1996
- Expert LATEX

# Situation.

- Père de famille
- Titulaire du permis B
- Formation incendie Equipe de Première Intervention en 2012
- Président de l'assemblée générale des étudiants de la Faculté des Sciences de l'Université de Mons de 2004 à 2006

# Dossier scientifique

Journal avec peer-review

2021 Back to the Past – Analysing Backporting Practices in Package Dependency Networks.

Alexandre Decan, Tom Mens, Ahmed Zerouali, Coen De Roover IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering, in press, 2021

2021 Lost in Zero Space – An Empirical Comparison of 0.y.z Releases in Software Package Distributions.

Alexandre Decan, Tom Mens

Science of Computer Programming, 10.1016/j.scico.2021.102656, 2021

2021 A ground-truth dataset and classification model for detecting bots in GitHub issue and PR comments.

Mehdi Golzadeh, Alexandre Decan, Damien Legay, Tom Mens Journal of Systems and Software, 10.1016/j.jss.2021.110911, 2021

2021 A multi-dimensional analysis of technical lag in Debian-based Docker images.

Ahmed Zerouali, Tom Mens, Alexandre Decan, Jesus Gonzalez-Barahona and Gregorio Robles Empirical Software Engineering, 26,10.1007/s10664-020-09908-6, 2021

2020 Sismic - A Python library for statechart execution and testing.

Alexandre Decan, Tom Mens SoftwareX, 10.1016/j.softx.2020.100590, 2020

2020 GAP: Forecasting Commit Activity in git Projects.

Alexandre Decan, Eleni Constantinou, Tom Mens, Henrique Rocha Journal of Systems and Software, 10.1016/j.jss.2020.110573, 2020

2019 What Do Package Dependencies Tell Us about Semantic Versioning?.

Alexandre Decan, Tom Mens

IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering, 10.1109/TSE.2019.2918315, 2019

2019 A Formal Framework for Measuring Technical Lag in Component Repositories – and its application to npm.

Ahmed Zerouali, Tom Mens, Jesus Gonzalez-Barahona, Alexandre Decan, Eleni Constantinou, Gregorio Robles

Journal of Software: Evolution and Process, 10.1002/smr.2157, 2019

2018 A Method for Testing and Validating Executable Statechart Models.

Tom Mens, Alexandre Decan, Nikolaos Spanoudakis Software and Systems Modeling, 10.1007/s10270-018-0676-3, 2018

2018 An Empirical Comparison of Dependency Network Evolution in Seven Software Packaging Ecosystems.

Alexandre Decan, Tom Mens, Philippe Grosjean Empirical Software Engineering, 23, 10.1007/s10664-017-9589-y, 2018

2012 Certain Conjunctive Query Answering in SQL.

Alexandre Decan, Fabian Pijcke, Jef Wijsen Lecture Notes in Computer Science, 7520, p154-167, 2012

2012 An Aperiodicity Problem for Multiwords.

Véronique Bruyère, Olivier Carton, Alexandre Decan, Olivier Gauwin, Jef Wijsen RAIRO: Theoretical Informatics and Applications, 46, 1, p33-50, 2012

Article dans les actes avec comité de lecture

2021 Identifying bot activity in GitHub pull request and issue comments.

Mehdi Golzadeh, Alexandre Decan, Eleni Constantinou, Tom Mens 3rd Workshop on Bots in Software Engineering (BotSE), IEEE/ACM ICSEW 2021

2021 A Quantitative Assessment of Package Freshness in Linux Distributions.

Damien Legay, Alexandre Decan, Tom Mens 4th International Workshop on Software Health (SoHeal), IEEE/ACM ICSEW 2021

# 2020 How Magic is Zero? An Empirical Analysis of Initial Development Releases in Three Software Package Distributions.

Alexandre Decan, Tom Mens

 $3\mathrm{rd}$  International Workshop on Software Health (SoHeal), IEEE/ACM ICSEW 2020, Seoul, Republic of Korea, 2020

### 2020 On Package Freshness in Linux Distributions.

Damien Legay, Alexandre Decan, Tom Mens

36th IEEE International Conference on Software Maintenance and Evolution (ICSME), Adelaide, Australia, 2020

# 2020 Bot or not? Detecting bots in GitHub pull request activity based on comment similarity.

Mehdi Golzadeh, Damien Legay, Alexandre Decan, Tom Mens

2nd Workshop on Bots in Software Engineering (BotSE), IEEE/ACM ICSEW 2020, Seoul, Republic of Korea, 2020

# 2019 Towards an Understanding of the Impact of Badges in GitHub Repositories.

Damien Legay, Alexandre Decan, Tom Mens

18th Belgium-Netherlands Software Evolution Workshop (BENEVOL), Brussels, Belgium, 2019

# 2019 On the Effect of Discussions on Pull Request Decisions.

Mehdi Golzadeh, Alexandre Decan, Tom Mens

18th Belgium-Netherlands Software Evolution Workshop (BENEVOL), Brussels, Belgium, 2019

# 2018 On the Evolution of Technical Lag in the npm Package Dependency Network.

Alexandre Decan, Tom Mens, Eleni Constantinnou

34th IEEE International Conference on Software Maintenance and Evolution (ICSME), Madrid, Spain, 2018

# 2018 On the Impact of Security Vulnerabilities in the npm Package Dependency Network.

Alexandre Decan, Tom Mens, Eleni Constantinou

15th International Conference on Mining Software Repositories (MSR), Gothenburg, Sweden, 2018

# 2018 Breaking the Borders : An Investigation of Cross-Ecosystem Software Packages.

Eleni Constantinou, Alexandre Decan, Tom Mens

 $17 th \ Belgium-Netherlands \ Software \ Evolution \ Workshop \ (BENEVOL), \ Delft, \ the \ Netherlands, \ 2018$ 

### 2018 On the Impact of Pull Request Decisions on Future Contributions.

Damien Legay, Alexandre Decan, Tom Mens

17th Belgium-Netherlands Software Evolution Workshop (BENEVOL), Delft, the Netherlands, 2018

# 2017 An Empirical Comparison of Dependency Issues in OSS Packaging Ecosystems.

Alexandre Decan, Tom Mens, Maëlick Claes

24th IEEE International Conference on Software Analysis, Evolution, and Reengineering (SANER), Klagenfurt, Austria, 2017

# 2017 On the Interaction of Relational Database Access Technologies in Open Source Java Projects.

Alexandre Decan, Mathieu Goeminne, Tom Mens

Seminar Series on Advanced Techniques & Tools for Software Evolution (SATToSE), 1820, 26-35, Mons, Belgique, 2017

# 2016 On the Topology of Package Dependency Networks : a comparison of three programming language ecosystems.

Alexandre Decan, Tom Mens, Maëlick Claes

ECSAW'16: Proceedings of the 10th European Conference on Software Architecture Workshops, Copenhagen, Denmark, 2016

# 2016 When GitHub meets CRAN : An Analysis of Inter-Repository Package Dependency Problems.

Alexandre Decan, Tom Mens, Maëlick Claes, Philippe Grosjean

23rd IEEE International Conference on Software Analysis, Evolution, and Reengineering (SANER), Osaka, Japan, 2016

# 2015 On the Development and Distribution of R Packages: An Empirical Analysis of the R Ecosystem.

Alexandre Decan, Tom Mens, Maëlick Claes, Philippe Grosjean International Workshop on Software Ecosystems (IWSECO), 2015

# 2014 Co-evolving Code-related and Database-related Changes in Data-intensive Software System.

Mathieu Goeminne, Alexandre Decan, Tom Mens

IEEE CSMR-WCRE 2014 Software Evolution Week, 353-357, Antwerpen, Belgique, 2014

## 2010 A Variant of Pattern Matching for Multiwords.

Véronique Bruyère, Olivier Carton, Alexandre Decan, Olivier Gauwin, Jef Wijsen Journées Montoises en Informatique Théorique, Amiens, France, 2010

# 2009 On First-Order Query Rewriting for Incomplete Database Histories.

Véronique Bruyère, Alexandre Decan, Jef Wijsen

16th International Symposium on Temporal Representation and Reasoning, TIME 2009, 54-61, Bressanone, Italie, 2009

# 2008 On First-Order Query Rewriting for Incomplete Database Histories.

Alexandre Decan, Jef Wijsen

International Workshop on Logic in Databases (LID), 2008

## Chapitre de livre

### 2017 Inter-component Dependency Issues in Software Ecosystems.

Maëlick Claes, Alexandre Decan, Tom Mens

Software Technology : 10 Years of Innovation in IEEE Computer, John Wiley & Sons/IEEE Press, New York, NY, 2017

## 2017 Analysing the Evolution of Database Usage in Data-Intensive Software Systems.

Loup Meurice, Mathieu Goeminne, Tom Mens, Csaba Nagy, Alexandre Decan, Anthony Cleve Software Technology: 10 Years of Innovation in IEEE Computer, John Wiley & Sons/IEEE Press, New York, NY, 2017

# Thèse de doctorat

### 2013 Certain Query Answering in First-Order Languages.

Thèse de doctorat soutenue le 2 juillet 2013

# Organisation de conférence

2017 **TIME 2017**, Mons, 16-18 octobre 2017.

24th International Symposium on Temporal Representation and Reasoning

- 2009 EuroDocInfo 2009, Mons, 22-23 janvier 2009.
- 2009 Bases de Données Avancées (BDA) 2009, Namur, 20-23 octobre 2009.

25èmes journées de Bases de Données Avancées

#### Jury de thèse

#### 2021 Dealing with Inconsistencies in Knowledge Bases.

Horacio Tellez Perez, Mons, 23 septembre 2021

# 2019 A Measurement Framework for Analyzing Technical Lag in Open-Source Software Ecosystems.

Ahmed Zerouali, Mons, 4 septembre 2019

# 2017 Theoretical and Practical Methods for Consistent Query Answering in the Relational Data Model.

Fabian Pijcke, Mons, 8 février 2018

### Lecture & Comité de lecture

International Conference on Open Source Systems – International Workshop on Software Health in Projects, Ecosystems and Communities – Seminar Series on Advanced Techniques & Tools for Software Evolution – International Workshop on Software Engineering for Systems-of-Systems – European Conference on Software Architecture Workshops – Belgian-Netherlands software evolution symposium –  $\ldots$ 

Journal of Systems and Software – Transactions on Software Engineering – IEEE Software – Empirical Software Engineering – International Journal of Business Intelligence and Data Mining – Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada – The VLDB Journal – Information Processing Letters – . . .