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OBJECTIVE	Placement in an academic position that allows for advanced research in pervasive computing (i.e., modeling, analysis, design, and verification) with a particular focus on simulation.	
CITIZENSHIP	Italy	
RESEARCH THEMES	My current research is focussed on the engineering aspects of pervasive computing, with the goal of providing a robust, easy, and coherent chain of tools and procedures that can lead to robust, adaptive, self-healing, and possibly evolving software ecosystems. I recently got fascinated by aggregate programming, namely all the languages and techniques that enable the programming of groups of devices as a single entity distributed in space and time.	
EDUCATION	<b>Dipartimento di Ingegneria Elettronica, Informatica e delle Telecomunicazioni, Università di Bologna</b> , Bologna (BO), Italy  Ph.D. in Electronics, Computer Science and Telecommunications Engineering, <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thesis Title: <i>Engineering Complex Computational Ecosystems</i></li><li>• Supervisor: Prof. Mirko Viroli</li><li>• Tutor: Prof. Antonio Natali</li><li>• External reviewer: Prof. Giovanna di Marzo Serugendo</li><li>• External reviewer: Prof. Simon Dobson</li><li>• Area of Study: Pervasive computing</li></ul> <b>Seconda Facoltà di Ingegneria, Università di Bologna</b> , Cesena (FC), Italy  M.S., Computer Engineering, March 2011 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>110L/110 - Magna cum Laude</i></li><li>• Thesis Topic: <i>A Framework for Simulation of Pervasive Services Ecosystems</i></li><li>• Supervisor: Dr. Mirko Viroli</li><li>• Area of Study: Computational Models</li></ul> B.S., Computer Engineering, October 2008 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thesis Topic: <i>From Swarm Intelligence to Self-Organising Coordination: a Pervasive Scenarios Application</i></li><li>• Supervisor: Prof. Andrea Omicini</li><li>• Area of Study: Distributed Systems</li></ul> <b>ITCG L. Einaudi</b> , Novafeltria (RN), Italy  Scientific high school, focus on biology, July 2005 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 100/100</li></ul>	

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EDITORIAL ACTIVITY	<p><b>IEEE Software Blog</b>: associate blog editor — 2019 –</p> <p><b>Scientific programming</b>: academic editor — 2017 –</p> <p><b>The Future of Digital Democracy – An Interdisciplinary Approach</b> (ISBN 978-3-030-05333-8): editor – 2019</p>
SERVICE IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES	<p>12th International Conference on Agents and Artificial Intelligence (ICAART 2020) Program Committee member</p> <p>4th Workshop on Engineering Collective Adaptive Systems, (eCAS 2019) Program Committee member</p> <p>International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems (AAMAS 2019) Program Committee member</p> <p>11th International Conference on Agents and Artificial Intelligence (ICAART 2019) Program Committee member</p> <p>Next Generation Programming Languages and Systems (NGPS 2019) — Track of the 34th ACM Symposium on Applied Computing (SAC 2019) Track co-chair</p> <p>COORDINATION 2019 - 21st International Conference on Coordination Models and Languages Program Committee member</p> <p>XIX Workshop "From Objects to Agents" (WOA 2018) Program Committee member</p> <p>12th IEEE International Conference on Self-Adaptive and Self-Organizing (SASO 2018) Workshops and tutorials chair</p> <p>15th IEEE International Conference on Autonomic Computing (ICAC 2018) Workshops and tutorials chair</p> <p>Collective and Cooperative Systems — Special Track of the 33rd ACM Symposium on Applied Computing (SAC 2018) Program Committee member, session chair</p> <p>1st workshop on Architectures, Languages and Paradigms for IoT (ALP4IoT 2017) Program Committee chair</p> <p>2nd eCAS Workshop on Engineering Collective Adaptive Systems (eCAS 2017) Program Committee member</p> <p>XVIII WORKSHOP "From Objects to Agents" (WOA 2017) Program Committee member</p>
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Computational and Structural Biotechnology Journal, 2016

Communications of the ACM, 2016

TALKS IN  
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Self-organising Coordination Regions: a pattern for edge computing  
*21st International Conference on Coordination Models and Languages (COORDINATION 2019)*

Security in Collective Adaptive Systems: a Roadmap  
*4th eCAS Workshop on Engineering Collective Adaptive Systems (eCAS 2019)*

Computing at the Aggregate Level  
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Engineering the Aggregate  
*GI Dagstuhl Seminar “Software Engineering for Intelligent and Autonomous Systems” (SEFIAS 2018)*

Themes and Challenges in Engineering CAS  
Panelist at the *2nd eCAS Workshop on Engineering Collective Adaptive Systems (eCAS 2017)*

Practical Aggregate Programming with Protelis  
Tutorial at the *11th IEEE International Conference on Self-Adaptive and Self-Organizing Systems (SASO 2017)*

Towards a Foundational API for Resilient Distributed Systems Design  
*2nd eCAS Workshop on Engineering Collective Adaptive Systems (eCAS 2017)*

Simulating Large-scale Aggregate MASs with Alchemist and Scala  
*10th International Workshop on Multi-Agent Systems and Simulation (MAS&S 2016)*

Computational Fields meet Augmented Reality: Perspectives and Challenges  
*1st Workshop on Spatial and COllective PErvasive Computing Systems (SCOPES 2015)*

Engineering multi-agent systems with aggregate computing  
Demo at the *18th Conference on Principles and Practice of Multi-Agent Systems (PRIMA 2015)*

Extending the Gillespie’s Stochastic Simulation Algorithm for Integrating Discrete-Event and Multi-Agent Based Simulation  
*XVI International Workshop on Multi-Agent Based Simulation (MABS 2015)*

Protelis: Practical Aggregate Programming  
*The 30th ACM/SIGAPP Symposium On Applied Computing (SAC 2015)*

Gradient-based Self-organisation Patterns of Anticipative Adaptation  
*6th IEEE International Conference on Self-Adaptive and Self-Organizing Systems (SASO 2012)*

A Chemical Inspired Simulation Framework for Pervasive Services Ecosystems  
*5th International Workshop on Multi-Agent Systems and Simulation (MAS&S 2011)*

Self Organization in Coordination Systems using a WordNet-based Ontology  
*Fourth IEEE International Conference on Self-Adaptive and Self-Organizing Systems (SASO 2010)*

OTHER TALKS

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Seminar for “Open Your Mind”, 2019



Continuous integration and delivery  
Seminar for the “Programming and development paradigms” course, 2016

Democratic process and electronic platforms: concerns of an engineer  
Workshop “The Future of Democracy”, 2016

Software development made serious  
Seminar for the “Adaptive complex software systems engineering” course, 2016

Engineering Complex Computational Ecosystems  
PhD defense, 2015

Engineering computational ecosystems  
2nd year PhD seminar, 2013

From Engineer to Alchemist, There and Back Again: An Alchemist Tale  
Seminar for the “Laboratory of systems and applications LM” course, 2012

Engineering computational ecosystems  
Vieni via con noi, 2012, Cesena

Recipes for Sabayon: cook your own Linux distro within two hours  
Linux Day 2012, Cesena

The simulation alchemy  
Seminar for the “Laboratory of systems and applications LM” course, 2011

A Simulation Framework for Pervasive Service Ecosystems  
*XII Workshop “Dagli Oggetti agli Agenti”* (WOA 2010)

## TEACHING

**Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna**, Bologna (BO), Italy

*Post-doc*

**since January 2015**

- Co-Supervisor Manuele Pasini’s bachelor thesis: *Programmazione memory-safe senza garbage collection: il caso del linguaggio Rust*, 2019.
- Co-Supervisor Nicolas Barilari’s bachelor thesis: *Programmazione Reattiva in Kotlin su sistemi Android*, 2018.
- Co-Supervisor Luca Casamenti’s bachelor thesis: *Il linguaggio Ceylon*, 2018.
- Co-Supervisor Davide Bondi’s bachelor thesis: *Protocollo LoRaWAN e IoT: interfacciamento con Java e sperimentazione su comunicazioni indoor*, 2018.
- Professor for *Developing, Maintaining, and Sharing Software Tools for Research*, doctoral course for the PhD in Data Science and Computation, XXXIII cycle, 2018.
- Co-Supervisor Matteo Magnani’s bachelor thesis: *Design e implementazione di un sistema di grid computing per il simulatore Alchemist*, 2017.
- Co-Supervisor Niccolò Maltoni’s bachelor thesis: *Progettazione object-oriented di un’interfaccia grafica JavaFX per il simulatore Alchemist*, 2017.
- Co-Supervisor Luca Semprini’s bachelor thesis: *Una panoramica su Kotlin: il nuovo linguaggio per lo sviluppo di applicazioni Android*, 2017.
- Co-Supervisor Andrea Placuzzi’s bachelor thesis: *Integrazione dei formati di navigazione GPS standard in Alchemist*, 2017.
- Co-Supervisor Giacomo Scaparrotti’s bachelor thesis: *Studio delle prestazioni del simulatore Alchemist: ottimizzazione di routing e caching*, 2017.
- Co-Supervisor Matteo Francia’s master thesis: *A Foundational Library for Aggregate Programming*, 2017.
- Contract Professor for the course “Object-Oriented Programming”, 2017.
- Contract Professor for the course “Object-Oriented Programming”, 2016.
- Co-Supervisor Elisa Casadio’s bachelor thesis: *Revisione e refactoring dell’interfaccia*

*utente del simulatore Alchemist*, 2016.

- Co-Supervisor Gianluca Grossi's bachelor thesis: *Sviluppo di plugin per IntelliJ IDEA*, 2016.
- Co-Supervisor Simone Costanzi's master thesis: *Integrazione di piattaforme d'esecuzione e simulazione in una toolchain Scala per aggregate programming*, 2016.
- Co-Supervisor Giovanni Romio's bachelor thesis: *Backport di una applicazione da Java 8 a Java 7*, 2016.
- Contract Professor for the course "Complex Adaptive Software System Engineering", 2016.
- Seminar "Software development made serious", 2016
- Teaching assistant for the course "Object-Oriented Programming", 2015.
- Contract Professor for the course "Computer Science Foundations A", 2015.
- Teaching assistant for the course "Complex Adaptive Software System Engineering", 2015.

*PhD Student*

**January 2012 to December 2014**

- Teaching assistant for the course "Object Oriented Programming", 2014.
- Teaching assistant for the course "Complex Adaptive Software System Engineering", 2014.
- Teaching assistant for the course "Object Oriented Programming", 2013.
- Teaching assistant for the course "Computer Science Foundations A", 2013.
- Co-Supervisor Davide Ensini's master thesis: *Spatial computing per smart devices*, 2014.
- Co-Supervisor Luca Nenni's master thesis: *Simulazioni realistiche di algoritmi di Crowd Steering*, 2014.
- Co-Supervisor Enrico Polverelli's master thesis: *Simulazione di algoritmi di auto-organizzazione basati su gradiente computazionale in Alchemist*, 2012.
- Co-Supervisor Andrea Dallatana's master thesis: *BDI agents for Real Time Strategy games*, 2012.
- Co-Supervisor Francesca Cioffi's master thesis: *Algoritmi gradient-based per la modellazione e simulazione di sistemi auto-organizzanti*, 2012.
- Co-Supervisor Paolo Contessi's master thesis: *Supporting semantic web technologies in the pervasive service ecosystems middleware*, 2012.
- Co-Supervisor Giacomo Pronti's master thesis: *Simulazione di ecosistemi di servizi pervasivi con supporto ad annotazioni tuple based*, 2012.
- Co-Supervisor Francesco Cardi's bachelor thesis, 2012.
- Seminar "From Engineer to Alchemist, There and Back Again: An Alchemist Tale", 2012
- Seminar "The simulation alchemy", 2011

*Contract Researcher*

**June 2011 to December 2012**

- Contract professor for the course "Laboratory of Multi Agent Systems", 2011.
- Co-Supervisor in Michele Morgagni's master thesis: *Modulo di comunicazione in una infrastruttura per pervasive service ecosystems*, 2011.
- Co-Supervisor in Matteo Desanti's master thesis: *Supporto a regole chimico-semantiche per la coordinazione di service pervasive ecosystems*, 2011.

**Bologna Business School**, Bologna (BO), Italy

*Professor*

**October 2018 to December 2018**

- *Internet of Things – Software production* — advanced course on techniques for producing high quality software for the IoT. Focus on team coordination strategies and tools, build automation, testing, continuous integration, and continuous delivery

**FORMart**, Cesena (FC), Italy

*Teacher*

**January 2016 to March 2019**

- “Internet of Things” — Introduction to distributed computing and to the Internet of Things, with focus on Industry 4.0
- “Programmazione e ICT problem solving” — course on algorithmic problem resolution and automation, with elements of programming in Python
- “Sistemi informatici e loro gestione” — course on basics of operating systems, networking, and database management
- “Elementi di Programmazione e Sviluppo di Applicazioni” — course on imperative and object oriented programming with C and Java

**University of Iowa**, Iowa City, IA USA

*Visiting Researcher*

**August 2014 to September 2014**

- Seminar “Programming Networks from the Aggregate Perspective”

**Florida Institute of Technology**, Melbourne, FL USA

*Visiting Researcher*

**July 2009 to October 2009**

- Seminar “Self Organization in Coordination Systems using a Wordnet-based Ontology”, along with Sascia Virruso, under the supervision of Dr. Ronaldo Menezes

#### AWARDS

Best Paper Award, **SASO 2016**, Augsburg, Germany

#### INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

**University of Iowa**, Iowa City, IA USA

*Visiting Researcher*

**May 2016, to June 2016**

- Advancements in the aggregate programming field.
- UIowa supervisor: Dr. Jacob Beal
- UniBo supervisor: Prof. Mirko Viroli

**University of Iowa**, Iowa City, IA USA

*Visiting Researcher*

**August 2014, to September 2014**

- Research on aggregate programming and high order functions for field calculus. Refinement of Protelis.
- UIowa supervisor: Dr. Jacob Beal
- UniBo supervisor: Prof. Mirko Viroli

**Raytheon BBN Technologies**, Cambridge, MA USA

*Visiting Researcher*

**June 2014, to August 2014**

- Research on aggregate programming and high order functions for field calculus. Realisation of Protelis.
- BBN supervisor: Dr. Jacob Beal
- UniBo supervisor: Prof. Mirko Viroli

**Johannes Kepler Universität**, Linz, Austria

*Visiting Researcher*

**July 2013, to October 2013**

- Research on crowd density estimation and prediction, crowd steering, crowd simulation, pervasive ecosystems.
- JKU supervisor: Univ.-Prof. Mag. Dr. Alois Ferscha
- UniBo supervisor: Prof. Mirko Viroli

**Florida Institute of Technology**, Melbourne, FL USA

*Visiting Researcher*

**July 2009 to October 2009**

- Research on distributed systems, complex networks and self organisation
- FIT supervisor: Dr. Ronaldo Menezes
- UniBo supervisor: Prof. Andrea Omicini

PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE

**twinlogix**, Santarcangelo di Romagna (RN), Italy

*Software development*

**March 2016 to January 2017**

**Valpharma International S.p.A.**, Pennabilli (RN), Italy

*Stage: raw material quality control*

**July 2004 to August 2004**

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Frequent contributor to [Wikipedia](#) and [OpenStreetMap](#).

Designer and leading developer of [Protelis](#), 2014–today

- Protelis is a programming language aiming at making networked systems just as easy to build for complex and heterogeneous networks as for single machines and cloud systems. This accomplished by separating the different tasks and making some of the hard and subtle parts automatic and implicit.

Designer and leading developer of [Alchemist](#), 2010–today

- Alchemist is an innovative simulator meant to join the expressiveness of the agent based modelling and the power and speed of the stochastic simulation algorithms used in chemistry. It is tailored to scenarios in which many nodes interact exchanging informations. Its flexibility allows for a wide range of applications, spacing from the classical chemistry to the biology (e.g. complex morphogenesis processes) to pervasive computing.

Designer and developer of [Git sensitive Semantic Versioning \(SemVer\) Gradle Plugin](#), 2019–today

- A Gradle plugin that applies Semantic Versioning to projects based on the status of the git repository.

Designer and developer to [maven-central-gradle-plugin](#), 2019–today

- A Gradle plugin for streamlined publishing on Maven Central

Contributor to [TornadoFX](#), porting from JDK8 to JDK11+, 2019

- TornadoFX is a Kotlin DSL for building rich graphical applications with JavaFX.

Creator and maintainer of the following Arch User Repository Packages, 2018–today

- [opencorsairlink-git](#).
- [opencorsairlink-testing-git](#).

Contributor to [Thread-inheritable resource loader for Java](#), 2017–today

- A statically-usable resource and class loader that inherits the parent thread's class loader.

Contributor to [gson-extras](#), 2017–today

- Extra libraries and component for Google Gson, extracted from the main repository and made publicly available on Maven Central.

Designer and developer of [JIRF](#), 2017–today

- The Java Implicit Reflective Factory allows for building objects reflectively inside configured contexts, applying implicit type conversions chains when needed.

Designer and leading developer of [URLClassLoader Util](#), 2016–today

- [URLClassLoader Util](#) is a small library that provides functionality to manipulate the Java classpath at runtime.

Designer and leading developer of [Javadoc.io Linker](#), 2016–today

- [Javadoc.io linker](#) is a Gradle plugin that configures any Javadoc build to link javadoc.io when referring to non-local classes.

Contributor to [GoIV](#), 2017

- [GoIV](#) is an Android application devoted to rating the quality of Pokémon Go monsters relying solely on the on-screen information.

Contributor to [Cnchi](#), 2015

- [Cnchi](#) is a modern, flexible installer for Linux, developed by the Antergos Linux team.

Designer and developer of [SmarTrRR](#), 2015–2017

- [SmarTrRR](#) is a transitive dependency range resolver plugin for Gradle. It replaces the default Protelis resolver, implementing a progressive range restriction, and a conflict resolution algorithm. Also, it allows the user to configure specific artifact substitutions.

Creator and maintainer of [Nirvana overlay](#) for Gentoo Linux, 2014–2015

- [Nirvana](#) is an overlay for Gentoo Linux, namely a container of ebuild files, which are scripts describing how to install and maintain packages in a Gentoo Linux distribution. [Nirvana](#) contains those ebuild that work well, but are too hard to maintain to be pushed in [Sunrise](#) or [Sabayon](#) overlays. Moreover, this repository is used by me as a playground for creating new ebuilds. On July 2014 [Nirvana](#) got officially indexed by [Layman](#), and as a consequence it is now available to all Gentoo users using such tool.

Creator and maintainer of [Nirvana Community Repository](#), 2014–2015

- [Nirvana Community Repository](#) contains the same packages included in [Nirvana](#) overlay, distributed in a pre-compiled form compatible with [Sabayon Linux Entropy](#) package manager.

Designer and developer of [Angela the Mandelbrot Set Explorer](#), 2009

- [Angela](#) is a Java parallel application that allows for visualizing portions of the Mandelbrot set.

Member of both the testing and development teams of [Sabayon Linux](#), 2008–2014

- [Sabayon Linux](#) is a Gentoo-based distribution which follows the works-out-of-the-box philosophy, aiming to give the user a wide number of applications that are ready for use and a self-configured operating system.

[A.St.I.Ce. Executive Board Member](#), January 2006 to November 2009

- Founded “[I<sup>2</sup> — Informa Ingegneri](#)”, the technical journal of [Seconda Facoltà di Ingegneria](#), containing articles about the research activity of the faculty.
- Founded “[Linux Libera Tutti](#)”, a project meant to allow students access without any charge DVDs and CDs of various Linux distributions, with a special focus on [Sabayon Linux](#).

## SKILLS

Computer Programming and software design:

- Java, Scala, Kotlin, C, Python, Prolog, Groovy, C++, UNIX shell scripting, SQL, Xtend, and others.
- Language design with the Xtext framework
- Object Oriented design

- Distributed systems
- Concurrent programming
- Functional programming
- Mobile programming (Android)

Software engineering and productive teamwork:

- Distributed Version Control Systems (Mercurial, Git)
- Build systems (Gradle, Maven)
- Continuous Integration (Travis CI, drone.io)
- Automated software deployment

Hardware/software configuration:

- Windows installation and configuration
- Linux installation and configuration for personal computers, servers, and embedded systems with specific skills for Gentoo Linux, its derivatives and Arch Linux.
- Server and Desktop systems assembling
- Overclocking

Information/Internet Technology:

- Markup languages (XML, HTML, Markdown)
- Database manipulation with SQL
- Networking (UDP, TCP, ARP, DNS)
- Services (SQL, HTTP, application-specific daemon design)
- Content Managing (Joomla, Drupal)
- Static website generators (Jekyllrb)

Operating Systems:

- Linux, with specific skills for Gentoo, Sabayon and Arch
- other UNIX variants
- Microsoft Windows family

Productivity Applications:

- $\text{\LaTeX}$ ,  $\text{\BibTeX}$
- Common productivity packages (for Windows and Linux platforms)

Multimedia (basic knowledge):

- Scalar image editing and analysis (Computer Vision skills, Photoshop, GIMP)
- Vectorial image editing (Dia, Inkscape)
- RAW image processing
- Non-linear video editing (Kdenlive, Openshot)
- 3D Design (Blender)
- 3D Programming (OpenGL)

## EXPERTISE

Mathematics:

- Applied Mathematics, Real and Complex Analysis, Discrete Mathematics, Geometry.

Physics:

- Mechanics, Electromagnetism.

Control Theory and Engineering:

- Distributed and Self-adaptive Control, Dynamic Optimization, Bio-mimicry, Bio-inspiration.

Communications and Signal Processing:

- Probability, Random Variables, Stochastic Processes, Networks



Computer Science and Engineering:

- Model Checking, Software Verification, Component-Based Reusable Software, Object Oriented Programming, Logic Programming, Functional Programming, Concurrent Programming, Distributed Systems, Benchmarking, Model Driven Software Development.

Natural Sciences (Biology, Microbiology, Chemistry, Biochemistry):

- Molecular orbital theory, stoichiometry, organic chemistry, DNA transcription and replication processes, PCR, metabolic processes, virus classification, bacteria classification, human morphology, physiology, Earth sciences, astronomy.

REFERENCES  
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- Scientist, Raytheon BBN Technologies
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- ★ *Dr. Beal was my local supervisor during my research period in Cambridge and Iowa City*

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- Full Professor, Dipartimento di Informatica – Scienza e Ingegneria  
Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna
- ◊ Via Venezia 52, 47521 Cesena (FC), Italy
- ★ *Prof. Omicini was my supervisor for Bachelor Thesis and my Italian supervisor during the research period in Florida Tech*

**Prof. Mirko Viroli** (e-mail: [mirko.viroli@unibo.it](mailto:mirko.viroli@unibo.it); phone: +39 0547 3 39216)

- Associate Professor, Dipartimento di Informatica – Scienza e Ingegneria  
Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna
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- ★ *Dr. Viroli was my supervisor for Master Thesis and PhD*