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*What attracted you to Algorithmic Informatics?*

Since childhood, I knew that my job would be about computers. During high school, I participated in extracurricular activities concerning electronics and mathematics which were taught by professors from W11. I was interested in both, luckily a friend of mine once told me about Informatics in the department of Fundamental Problems of Physics. Which treated mathematics not as an addition to informatics but rather as a foundation.

*What were your first impressions of the school and the Algorithmic Informatics program?*

My expectations were perfectly met. I remember thinking about presented math problems for many hours after the end of classes and full immersion in a new way of thinking about computer science.

*What did you think were the best parts of the program? And what were the most challenging aspects?*

Abstract mathematics with an emphasis on topics useful for computer scientists. Most of the personnel were very knowledgeable and competent. Some were not as much but remained nice company for learning on my own. The most challenging aspect for me was to open my mind to some big mathematical concepts, that seem very natural after internalizing them, but remained incomprehensible for a long time.

*What did you do when you graduated?*

I had Turkish raki toast with my flatmate, packed my things, and went for a covid quarantine where I stayed for 2 weeks.

*What are you doing now?*

I am studying Cryptography and Computer Security in English and I am working in the polish start-up - Deeptale as a Machine Learning engineer. Every week I attend pottery classes and I write my

Master Thesis.

*Why should people pursue a degree in engineering?*

I think that when done in advance, writing an engineering thesis is an important achievement because of the undoubted participation in the "Civilization knowledge" whatever that means. It's an act of freezing current knowledge about some topic, maybe even adding something from oneself, therefore it's worth pursuing.