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## AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Information Retrieval
- Recommender Systems
- Natural Language Processing
- Deep Learning
- Graph Processing
- Reinforcement Learning

## LANGUAGES

- French (Native)
- English (Fluent)

## ML LIBRARIES

- Pytorch
- Tensorflow
- Deep Graph Library
- 😊 Transformers

# JIBRIL FREJ

Ph.D. in Computer Science

Thesis Title: Incorporation of prior knowledge for Neural Textual Information Retrieval

## EXPERIENCE

**Postdoctoral Researcher** 2022–2024

ML4ED, EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland

Explainable Job-Market Oriented Course Recommendation System.

Technologies: Python, Deep Learning, Recommender System, Reinforcement Learning

**Postdoctoral Researcher** 2021–2022

Inserm U1209-IAB, La Tronche, France

Using NLP, Graph Processing, and Information Retrieval for various applications in Bioinformatics.

Technologies: Python, R, BERT, GNN, Transformers, Deep Graph Library

**Ph.D.** 2017–2021

Université Grenoble Alpes, LIG, Saint-Martin-d'Hères, France

Incorporation of prior knowledge in Deep Learning models for Textual Information Retrieval.

Technologies: Python, Pytorch, fastText, BERT, BM25, UMLS, DBpedia, etc.

**End-of-study internship** Feb–Jul 2017

LIG, Saint-Martin-d'Hères, France

Study and implementation of Neural Language Models for Information Retrieval

Technologies: C++, word2vec, IR Language Models

**Internship** Apr–Aug 2016

Altatech sc, Montbonnot, France

Study and implementation of machine learning algorithms for image classification with applications in defect detection on silicon wafers

Technologies: C++, SVM, vl-feat

## EDUCATION

**Ph.D. student** 2017 - 2021

Université Grenoble Alpes

Incorporation of prior knowledge in Deep Learning models for Textual Information Retrieval.

**Master Student** 2015 - 2017

UGA - IM2AG

Master of Science in Industrial and Applied Mathematics

**Bachelor Student** 2014 - 2015

UJF - IM2AG

Bachelor of Mathematics and Computer Science

Stable-Baselines 3

Gymnasium

Scikit-learn

Keras

## HOBBIES

CodinGame

Hiking

Cooking

Squash

Engineering School Student

INSA Rouen

Mathematical engineering department

2011 - 2014

## TEACHING

Head Teaching Assistant ( $\approx 600$  students)

2022–2024

EPFL, Lausanne

Advanced information, computation, communication I (CS 101)

Teaching Assistant ( $\approx 30$  students)

2022–2023

EPFL, Lausanne

Machine learning for behavioral data (CS 421)

Head Teaching Assistant ( $\approx 600$  students)

2022–2023

EPFL, Lausanne

Advanced information, computation, communication I (CS 101)

Teaching Assistant ( $\approx 40$  students)

2017–2020

Polytech, Grenoble

Supervision of projects and practical work in Java

Teacher ( $\approx 30$  students)

Sep–Nov 2019

IUT2, Grenoble

Teaching of basics of probabilities and statistics

Teaching Assistant ( $\approx 40$  students)

Oct–Dec 2017

Phelma, Grenoble

Supervision of practical work in C language

## PUBLICATIONS

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A Yazici, P Meija-Domenzain, J Frej, T Käser  
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P Meija-Domenzain, J Frej, P Neshaei, L Mouchel, T Nazaretsky, T Wambsganss, A Bosselut, T Käser  
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- Knowledge Based Transformer Model for Information Retrieval, **CIRCLE 2020**  
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- MLWIKIR: A Python toolkit for building large-scale Wikipedia-based Information Retrieval Datasets in Chinese, English, French, Italian, Japanese, Spanish and more, **CIRCLE 2020**  
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- FlauBERT : des modèles de langue contextualisés pré-entraînés pour le français, **JEP-TALN-RECITAL-2020**  
H. Le, L. Vial, J. Frej, V. Segonne, M. Coavoux, B. Lecouteux, A. Allauzen, B. Crabbé, L. Besacier et D. Schwab.  
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- Modèle Transformer à base de Connaissances pour la Recherche d'Information dans des Domaines Spécialisés, **Workshop DL for NLP, EGC 2020**  
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J. Frej, P. Mulhem, D. Schwab, J.P Chevallet  
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