

Martin Thoma

Curriculum Vitae

Work Experience

Researcher

developing neural nets for on-line handwriting recognition

My bachelors thesis includes getting on-line data of handwritten mathematical symbols, preprocessing, extracting features and using neural nets to classify those symbols. The data was collected with write-math.com. All results are available there, too.

Programmer

improving KIT lecture translator

I've implemented and integrated an unsupervised acoustic model training framework into KIT lecture translator system for automatic model adaption.

Scientific lector

L^AT_EX, German and computer science

I've corrected a script for computer engineering.

Tutor for programming

teaching students programming at university

I taught people about 30 students how to program in Java. Coding conventions and basic OOP was part of the course. All of my German presentations are online. → presentations

Freelancer at KTC

programming for a consulting company

At KTC, I gained first experiences with business-logic and a big, but algorithmically not challenging project. To be honest, I only fixed some Java bugs.

Student research assistant at Institute of Toxicology and Genetics, KIT

participating in a university research project

In summer 2011 I worked for over a month for a research project at KIT. I have written bash scripts for file conversions, fixed some bugs and re-written a slow Mathematica script in a much faster Python version. But it quickly turned out that this project had a lot of C++ source which was rarely commented or documented. I realized, that I wouldn't have time for this project after beginning my studies at university.

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Education

from 2011 **Bachelor of Science**
Computer Science
Karlsruhe Institute of Technology

2004 – 2010 **Abitur**
Intensive course physics and mathematics
Paul-Klee-Gymnasium Gersthofen

Awards

2010 **Winner**
Federal Competition for Computer Science

2009 **2nd prize - regional competition**
Youth Research Competition

2008 **1st prize**
data analysis competition at University of Augsburg

2008 **Award for social commitment**
Paul-Klee-Gymnasium

2007 **Prize for science and research**
FOCUS pupils competition

Computer Skills

Basic Knowledge	JavaScript Linux, SQL, PHP
Intermediate Knowledge	L ^A T _E X, Java, HTML
Good Knowledge	Python

Language Skills

German	mother tongue
English	Cambridge Certificate – C1
French	DELFI A2

Work Experience

Freelance Work

building an online service

since 2011

I have started to work as a freelancer at the beginning of 2011. I have developed an online-service which helped schools to coordinate their dates. I have sold this online service to two schools in bavaria and three other schools were interested. Unfortunately, the ministry of education of Bavaria released an application with similar functionality in 2012. This was the reason why I decided to shut down my service.

since 2006

HackIts, Puzzles and Challenges

ProjectEuler, bright-shadows.net and many more

I really love solving logical, algorithmical or math puzzles and participated in competitions. I started to solve puzzles in 2006 and I still like them. This was the reason why I participated in a practical curse at KIT for preparation for ICPC. It was fun, but I found out that many people are much faster in producing C++ code that passed the tests than I am. However, as I've been very successfull at the Federal Competition for Computer Science ("Bundeswettbewerb Informatik") it seems as if I'm better in problem solving if I get more time to think about it.

Future plans and motivation

I watched a video about Google Driverless Car in June 2013 and was totally amazed. I've started two online courses on Udacity to learn more about this topic. Currently, I try to find a good way to compute the minimum distance of a point to a cubic spline which is necessary to apply the PID algorithm for steering control.

I'm currently employed as a research assistant at Institute for Anthropomatics (KIT). My task is to implement some changes that were proposed in a thesis to the KIT lecture translation system. The work helps me to understand how speech recognition works. I will definitely also make a masters degree in computer science. A topic about which I would like to learn more are self driving cars. But I think there are no courses in Karlsruhe about this.

I also would like to spend about half a year abroad, preferably in an English speaking country which is not in Europe.

Projects

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| 11/2013 | Book about Geometry and Topology
<i>writing an introduction to geometry and topology</i> → read more |
| 11/2013 | Minimum distance paper
<i>research to compute the minimum distance to a cubic spline</i> → read more |
| 06/2013 | Interpolation
<i>creating an interactive HTML5/JS-example for interpolation</i> → read more |
| 02/2013 | Line segment intersection
<i>creating a simple check for line segment intersection</i> → read more |
| 06/2012 | Matrix multiplication
<i>examining algorithms and libraries for matrix multiplication</i> → read more |
| 09/2011 | Blogging on martin-thoma.com
<i>about Algorithms, the Web, University, ...</i> |
| 06/2011 | Community Chess
<i>This is a platform for programmers. They can use the API to create A.I.s that play chess against each other.</i> → read more |

Online Courses

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| 09/2013 | Artificial Intelligence for Robotics
<i>finished 10/2013</i> | Udacity |
| 06/2013 | Introduction to Artificial Intelligence
<i>finished 08/2013</i> | Udacity |
| 05/2012 | Algorithms I
<i>finished 07/2012</i> | Stanford |
| 06/2010 | Introduction to Computer Science and Programming
<i>finished 09/2010</i> | MIT |