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language skills

English (US)	native
French	adv.
German	int.
Spanish	low int.
Vietnamese	elem.

tech skills

Python	NumPy, Django
Groovy	Grails
C#	Visual Studio
Java	Eclipse
HTML, CSS, JavaScript	

OSX, Linux, Windows
Git, Subversion
LaTeX, R, Praat, WEKA

education

04/2015 **M.Sc. Language Science & Technology**
Universität des Saarlandes (Saarland University) Saarbrücken, Germany
- Coursework in computational linguistics, speech technology, statistical natural language processing, machine learning, software engineering
- Thesis: "Automatic diagnosis and feedback for lexical stress errors in non-native speech: Towards a CAPT system for French speakers of German"

2008 **Advanced Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)**
Transworld Schools San Francisco, CA

2007 **B.A. Philosophy**
University of California, Berkeley Berkeley, CA, USA
- Highest Distinction in General Scholarship (summa cum laude)
- French minor; year at Université Paris-Sorbonne/Institut Catholique de Paris

experience

2013–2015 **Universität des Saarlandes** Saarbrücken, Germany
Research Assistant, Dept. of Phonetics
- Supported research in Franco-German project *Individualized Feedback for Computer-Assisted Spoken Language learning (IFCASL)*
- Assisted with recording and phonetic annotation of bilingual (German-French) native and learner speech corpus
- Trained other research assistants to annotate recordings using Praat and version-control annotations using SVN on Linux machines
- Built project website (www.ifcasl.org)

2011–2012 **Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT)** Hanoi, Vietnam
English Language Instructor
- Taught full-time academic English classes to post-secondary students
- Developed original lesson and evaluation materials
- As member of Professional Learning Group, facilitated professional development workshops and activities for faculty enrichment

02-03/2011 **Espaanglisch Language School** Trujillo, Peru
Volunteer Teacher/Teacher-trainer
- Taught basic English to children and adults in underserved communities
- Trained first-time teachers in TESOL pedagogical principles

2008-2010 **Kaplan International** San Francisco, CA, USA
English Instructor
- Taught general English and specific subjects (e.g. TOEFL, Listening, Idioms) to international adult students using original lesson plans
- Initiated and led team effort to restructure a schoolwide course syllabus
- Created student report grading rubric which was implemented nationwide

2007-2008 **Meltwater News** San Francisco, CA, USA
Sales Consultant/Key Account Manager
- Identified and contacted prospective clients across various sectors
- Negotiated new contracts with C-level executives
- Consulted with clients to create customized media-monitoring solutions