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Software Engineer with a broad background spanning machine learning systems, distributed infrastructure, full-stack development, and DevOps. Focused on building and deploying real-world systems end-to-end. From data pipelines and model training to scalable production services. I'm looking for engineering roles where this breadth can be applied to complex technical problems and impactful systems.

Experience

Research Assistant — ZHAW, Centre for Artificial Intelligence 2023 – Present
Winterthur, Switzerland

Built and deployed infrastructure for running **LLMs up to 70B parameters** on on-premise multi-node GPU clusters using NVIDIA Triton and vLLM.

Designed and implemented a **multimodal perception pipeline** combining event cameras and LiDAR for real-time aerial object detection. Developed a **synthetic dataset generation pipeline** using simulation to accelerate model training and evaluation.

Led end-to-end development of an **LLM-assisted labeling system** extracting **574 hierarchical labels** from **30k medical records** using only **2k annotated samples**.

Responsible for full ML lifecycle: data preparation, annotation strategy, model fine-tuning, evaluation, and stakeholder reporting. Built internal tools for autonomous testing infrastructure (React, Node.js, PostgreSQL) used to coordinate experiments and sensor validation.

DevOps Engineer — Bühler Group AG 2019 – 2023
Uzwil, Switzerland

Built automation across Azure DevOps pipelines improving code review workflows, dependency tracking, and release processes across multiple teams. Developed an internal **documentation platform indexing 100 repositories** with integrated chatbot search using Azure Bot Framework. Prototyped an early **RAG system** using FastAPI and PostgreSQL to enable semantic search across engineering documentation. Contributed to infrastructure and process improvements supporting **ISO27001 certification**. Helped standardize shared frontend components within an Angular library used across multiple products.

Front-End Engineer — CanvasHeroes B.V. 2017 – 2019
Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Led development of multiple web and mobile applications using React, React Native, and Symfony. Improved scalability of a production application to support **10k concurrent users** through caching and distributed database replication. Implemented CI/CD pipelines using Bitbucket, improving deployment reliability and release speed. Mentored interns through code reviews and engineering best practices.

Apprentice / Software Developer — Online Consulting AG 2013 – 2017
Wil, Switzerland

Contributed to a web-based platform for industrial after-sales services within an international SCRUM team.

Education

MSc Data Science – ZHAW in Winterthur, Switzerland 2023 – Present
Thesis: On the Evaluation of RAG Systems: A Bayesian View *Final Grade: WIP*
Semester Project: Do NOT Classify and Count: Hybrid Attribute Control Success Evaluation *Final Grade: 6/6*

BSc Computer Science – ZHAW in Winterthur, Switzerland 2020 – 2023
Including an Exchange Semester at UiA in Grimstad, Norway *Fall 2022*
Thesis: The Influence of Audio Length on the Performance of Swiss-German Speech Translation Models *Final Grade: 5.5/6*

Projects

Bunvol.ch 2025
Platform for coordinating volunteers and staff at events, streamlining scheduling, communication, and task management. Built using React, Pocketbase. Deployed on a VPS using Github Actions and Docker.

Cheers.li 2023
Mobile app to share your location with friends and invite them to join. Built with Capacitor and Supabase, deployed via Fastlane.

Floq.io 2022
Event-driven low-code platform connecting software systems. Built with React, .NET, and NodeJS, deployed on Kubernetes using Helm Charts.

Volunteer Experience

President – Handballclub Uzwil 2024 – Present
Lead a club with 100 children across 14 teams and 60 adults across three teams. Coordinate activities, support coaches and volunteers, and organize initiatives such as two regional youth tournaments with 400 participants each.