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CITY

Hamburg, Germany

EDUCATION

Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn 2014 – 2017

Master of Science in Economics

Focus on Behavioral Economics. Thesis on "Diffusion of Responsibility".

Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel 2010 – 2013

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Fernuniversität in Hagen 2012 - 2019

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne 2013 - 2014

Erasmus Exchange in Economics

CERTIFICATIONS

Neural Networks and Deep Learning — DeepLearning.AI Dec 2025

(Course Certificate)

Agentic AI — DeepLearning.AI Dec 2025

(Course Certificate)

Agile Coach July 2021

Beratung Judith Andresen

AWS Certified Solutions Architect – Associate 2020

SKILLS

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

Python, SQL, JavaScript/TypeScript, Rust

CLOUD PLATFORMS

Google Cloud Platform (GCP), Amazon Web Services (AWS)

DATA TECHNOLOGIES

Databricks, BigQuery, dbt core, dbt platform/cloud, Apache Spark, PySpark, PostgreSQL, SurrealDB, Pub/Sub, Kafka, Redshift, Looker, Neo4j Cypher, Google Dataflow

MACHINE LEARNING AND AI

AWS Sagemaker, Vertex AI, sklearn, pytorch, pydantic-ai, pydantic-logfire, ADK, langgraph, crew-ai, deepagents, strands, haystack, ollama, Claude Code, Cursor, Codex, Open Web UI

DEVOPS, CI/CD

Kubernetes, Docker, GitHub Actions, Terraform, ansible, cdk, CloudFormation, Grafana

METHODS

Agile Coaching, User Story Mapping, Test Driven Development (TDD)

LANGUAGES

German (Native), English (Fluent), Spanish (Good working knowledge), French (Basic)

Thorben Wölk

DATA & AI ENGINEER

SUMMARY

Senior Data & AI Engineer. Combining engineering expertise with an agile mindset to develop data-driven solutions. Focusing on data pipelines, platform architecture, agentic AI applications, and DataOps.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

ZEIT ONLINE - Head of Data Platform

May 2023 – Aug 2025

- Leading data platform strategy and development for a major online news publisher
- Managing a team of 5+ data engineers, analytics engineers, and tracking experts
- Implementing user story mapping, a Kanban process, and release management

ZEIT ONLINE - Software Engineer Big Data

Oct 2021 – Apr 2023

- Designed and built a scalable analytics and data science platform leveraging Google Cloud, Kubernetes, dbt Cloud, and Looker
- Developed Python apps for batch and streaming data ingestion on event-driven and pipeline architectures
- Onboarded tools and experts to the data platform in collaboration with my manager
- Implemented IaC using Terraform as well as branching concepts, CI/CD workflows, and coding best practices

EOS Group - Software Engineer

Jan 2019 – Sep 2021

- Full redesign of a fintech machine learning platform
- Migrated legacy Scala monolith to microservice architecture on Kubernetes
- AWS-backed MLOps using AWS Sagemaker, Lambda, Redshift
- Automated infrastructure and ML model deployment using ansible, cdk, CloudFormation, and Jenkins

Forward3D - Junior PPC Analyst

Sep 2017 – Nov 2018

- Analyzed and optimized pay-per-click campaigns for retail clients
- Automated daily and weekly reportings with Python and SQL

briq - Institute on Behavior and Inequality - Research Assistant

Apr 2016 – May 2017

- Conducted data analysis with Python and R for economic research
- Contributed to publications on neuroeconomics and moral reasoning

PUBLICATIONS

"Spreading inequality: neural computations underlying paying-it-forward reciprocity"

2018

Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience