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Experience

The Qt Company

Berlin, Germany

SPECIALIST SOFTWARE ENGINEER

January 2024 - July 2025

- Developed and maintained *Qt Visual Studio Tools*, the official Visual Studio extension for Qt.
- Contributed to the modernization of *qt/qtbase* libraries.

RWTH Aachen, Virtual Reality and Immersive Visualization Group

Aachen, Germany

SCIENTIFIC STAFF AND PH.D. CANDIDATE

January 2017 - December 2022

- Assisted and performed independent research on the topics of scientific visualization, high-performance computing and numerical analysis, under the supervision of Prof. Torsten Wolfgang Kuhlen.
- Contributed peer-reviewed publications & software to the *Human Brain Project (HBP)* and the *Nationales Hochleistungsrechnen (NHR)* program. (See the *Publications* section, github.com/vrgroupwath, and git-ce.rwth-aachen.de/vr-vis for detail.)
- Modernized the software infrastructure of *AixCAVE at RWTH Aachen*, a room-mounted virtual reality environment, transitioning it from the Vista Virtual Reality Toolkit to Unreal Engine.
- Developed immersive visualization applications targeting the *AixCAVE* and standard head-mounted displays using Unreal Engine, in collaboration with the *Institute for Combustion Technology* and the *Ophthalmology Clinic of the University Hospital*.
- Developed distributed, hybrid-parallel visualization applications using MPI and CUDA/OMP/TBB, focusing on particle and relativistic ray tracing, targeting the *CLAIX Compute Cluster of RWTH Aachen* and the *JURECA of Jülich Supercomputing Center*.
- Developed scientific visualization applications targeting standard desktops using Qt and VTK(m), focusing on visualization of nerve fibers within the brain, in collaboration with the *Jülich Research Center Institute of Neurosciences and Medicine*.
- Contributed to various open-source projects including Bluebrain HighFive, Cppcheck, Eigen, Microsoft Vcpkg, Nvidia VisRTX, Nvidia VkHLLF, Unreal Engine nDisplay Plugin, and many others.

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C++ DEVELOPER - SCIENTIFIC VISUALIZATION

February 2016 - December 2016

- Developed the graphical and statistical features of *Performance Visualization Toolkit (PVT)*, an open-source C++ library for visualizing the performance of MPI applications.

Fraunhofer Institute for Applied Information Technology (FIT)

Sankt Augustin, Germany

C++ AND JAVA DEVELOPER - INTERNET OF THINGS (IoT)

February 2014 - June 2015

- Developed a mobile ad-hoc emergency notification system, and the firmware of a Bluetooth low energy pulse detection bracelet, for the *Bridging Resource and Agencies in Large-Scale Emergency Management (BRIDGE)* European Union project.
- Developed an automotive construction pipeline demo for the *Enabling Business-Based Internet of Things and Services (EBBITS)* European Union project.

Tart New Media

Istanbul, Turkey

UNITY DEVELOPER

February 2013 - August 2013

- Developed the multiplayer features and user interface of *Kixel*, a football game for Facebook.

Chyron

Melville, New York, USA

INTERN C++ DEVELOPER - COMPUTER GRAPHICS

May 2012 - August 2012

- Developed the Alembic and Collada asset importers of *Chyron Lyric PRO*, a broadcast graphics creation tool.

Grupanya

Istanbul, Turkey

INTERN WEB DEVELOPER

June 2011 - August 2011

- Developed a typographical error checker, and a tool for matching users to potential offers for *Grupanya*, a local e-commerce website.

Education

RWTH Aachen

Aachen, Germany

M.SC. IN MEDIA INFORMATICS (*Applied Computer Science*)

September 2013 - November 2016

Overall GPA: 2.1/5.0. Thesis GPA: 1.3/5.0. (*Maximum grade: 1.0*)

Stony Brook University

Stony Brook, New York, USA

B.SC. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

September 2009 - December 2012

Overall GPA: 3.64/4.00. Graduation with honor (Cum Laude). (*Maximum grade: 4.00*)

Programming Languages

C++	08 years of professional, 14 years total experience. Important libraries: Boost, STL 03/11/14/17/20/23, Qt.
CUDA	07 years of professional, 08 years total experience. Important libraries: Nvidia cuSolver, Nvidia OptiX, Nvidia Thrust.
C#	02 years of professional, 08 years total experience. Important libraries: Unity SDK, Visual Studio SDK.
Java	Important libraries: Android SDK, Hibernate, Swing.
JavaScript	Important libraries: AWS SDK, D3.js, Three.js, WebGL.
Python	Important libraries: Matplotlib, NumPy, Pandas, SciPy.

Technologies

Game Engines	Unity, Unreal Engine
Graphics APIs	Intel OSPRay, Nvidia OptiX, OpenGL, Vulkan
Numerics APIs	Eigen, GNU GSL, Intel MKL, Nvidia cuSolver
Parallelization APIs	Intel TBB, MPI, Nvidia CUDA, Nvidia Thrust, OpenCL, OpenMP
User Interface APIs	ImGui, Qt
Virtual Reality APIs	OpenVR, OpenXR
Visualization APIs	ParaView API, VTK
Windowing APIs	GLFW, SDL, Windows SDK

Software (Select)

HID.HPP	C++23
GITHUB.COM/ACDEMIRALP/HID.HPP	June 2023 - Present
Single header C++23 wrapper for libusb/hidapi.	
FD	C++20, CUDA
GITHUB.COM/ACDEMIRALP/FD	August 2022 - Present
Generic finite differences in C++20.	
ACD	C++17, CUDA
GITHUB.COM/ACDEMIRALP/ACD	January 2019 - Present
Single file utilities for C++17. 30+ stars.	
FG	C++17
GITHUB.COM/ACDEMIRALP/FG	January 2018 - Present
Rendering abstraction describing a frame as a directed acyclic graph of render tasks and resources. 500+ stars, 50+ forks.	
GL	C++17
GITHUB.COM/ACDEMIRALP/GL	May 2017 - Present
Header-only C++17 wrapper for OpenGL 4.6 Core Profile. 150+ stars, 10+ forks. Featured in the Khronos Group August 2017 newsletter.	

Publications (Select)

A C++20 Interface for MPI 4.0	Supercomputing 2022
A.C. DEMIRALP, P. MARTIN, N. SAKIC, M. KRÜGER, T. GERRITS	November 2022
Astray: A Performance-Portable Geodesic Ray Tracer	VMV 2022
A.C. DEMIRALP, M. KRÜGER, C. CHAO, T.W. KUHLEN, T. GERRITS	September 2022
MODE: A Modern Ordinary Differential Equation Solver for C++ and CUDA	ICNAAM 2022
A.C. DEMIRALP, M. KRÜGER, T. GERRITS	September 2022
Performance Assessment of Diffusive Load Balancing for Dist. Particle Advection	WSCG 2022
A.C. DEMIRALP, D.N. HELMRICH, J. PROTZE, T.W. KUHLEN, T. GERRITS	May 2022
Parallel Particle Advection and Lagrangian Analysis for 3D-PLI FOMs	IEEE LDAV 2019
A.C. DEMIRALP, D. ZIELASKO, M. AXER, T. VIERJAHN, T.W. KUHLEN	October 2019