

## SUMMARY

Experienced software engineer skilled in designing, implementing, and refining large scale distributed systems. Known for innovative problem-solving and effective project management, excelling in developing scalable code and fostering strong collaborative relationships. A proven leader in guiding diverse teams, driving continuous improvement, and crafting applications that balance technical precision with user needs. Excited to join a dynamic team, utilizing my experience in large system architecture to address challenging problems.

## CORE COMPETENCIES

Software Engineering — Problem Solving — Project Management — Team Leadership — Continuous Improvement — Process Optimization — Documentation

## TECHNICAL COMPETENCIES

Distributed Systems — Scalable Code Development — GDPR Compliance — Cross-Functional Coordination — Quality Assurance — System Optimization

## EXPERIENCE

- **WhatsApp** New York, NY  
*Senior Software Engineer - Backend - Group messaging and Communities* April 2022 - July 2023
  - Launched Communities feature, improving user engagement and adoption targets.
  - Contributed to key backend projects, including Group Join Request, enhancing user experience for WhatsApp's extensive 2.5 billion user base.
  - Championed a cross-functional effort to transition user identifiers from phone numbers to internal identifiers, significantly enhancing system resilience and user privacy.
  - Improved existing endpoint latencies by up to 40% in the context of Communities, markedly improving response times and system performance.
  - Developed and integrated GDPR-compliant reporting features, upholding WhatsApp's adherence to strict data protection regulations.
  - Served as an on-call support engineer for critical systems (group messaging backend), optimized the process, highlighted inefficiencies, effectively mitigated outages, and reduced impact on system performance.
- **Bloomberg L.P.** New York, NY  
*Senior Software Engineer - Trading & Analytics* May 2018 - March 2022
  - Designed, built and released new features to Bloomberg's full stack trading platform framework, while maintaining system stability.
  - Led cross-functional team projects, consistently delivering them in alignment with established timeframes.
  - Drove the adoption of new technologies, focusing on modern frameworks and languages like TypeScript and React.
  - Led the improvement of development practices, emphasizing efficient state-management and code modularity.
  - Mentored others and encourage knowledge sharing in order to drive the growth of the team.
- **Fullstack Academy of Code – major coding bootcamp** New York, NY  
*Teaching Fellow* Dec 2017 - Apr 2018
  - Led code reviews and acted as a project manager for 4 teams of junior software engineers.
  - Code paired, debugged/mentored technical concepts and best practices to 50 students on a daily basis.
  - Conducted technical interviews in JavaScript for prospective students 2 to 3 times a week.
- **Ara Global Group – medium sized electronics wholesaler** New York, NY  
*Software Engineer* May 2016 - Apr 2018
  - Spearheaded re-engineering project to improve/automate asset processing and cataloging, reducing processing time by 25%.
  - Developed an in-house SaaS for systematic asset and sales monitoring per device leading to 20% in increased revenue.
  - Wrote a data validation tool in JavaScript that ensured the accuracy of inventory and sales data feeds.
- **BISAM, Inc. – financial software vendor** New York, NY  
*Product Support Analyst* Jan 2015 - Apr 2016
  - Troubleshoot financial calculation issues raised by clients and Professional Services team.
  - Supported defect resolution by identifying and replicating bugs.
  - Tested patch releases and managed deliveries.

- **Tortus Capital Management** – *value oriented hedge fund* New York, NY  
*Research and Trading Analyst* *Jul 2013 - Jul 2014*
  - Completed financial analysis for over 30 distressed companies and recommended long/short positions.
  - Traded and monitored the firm's securities on a daily basis.

Previous employers: UBS - Sales Trader *Paris, France*, Credit Suisse - Sales Trader *Paris, France*, France Télévisions Publicité - Business Analyst *Paris, France*

## PROJECTS

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- **RoamSync** – *founder & developer* <https://roamsync.vercel.app>  
*A React and Node.js application that syncs data between Roam Research and Google Calendar.*
- **Athens** – *open source contributor* <https://github.com/athensresearch/athens>  
*A knowledge graph for research and notetaking, written in Clojure(script).*
- **Learning Clojure in public** – *author* <https://github.com/alaq/learning-clojure-in-public>  
*Learned Clojure in 5 weeks and wrote one blog post per day.* *July 2020*
- **Propel ML** – *open source contributor* <https://github.com/propelml/propel>  
*GPU-backed numpy-like infrastructure for scientific computing in JavaScript.*
- **Device Extract, LLC.** – *founder & developer* *June 2017 to April 2018*  
*An Electron app for cataloging mobile devices programmatically.*

## EDUCATION

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- **ESSEC Business School** Singapore  
*M.S. Financial Engineering* *2013*
- **Université Paris Dauphine** Paris, France  
*M.S. Finance & B.S. Management* *2011*

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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- **Fullstack Academy of Code** New York, NY  
*Software Engineering Immersive Program* *2017*