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## Work Experience

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- May 2021 – Present • **Research Scientist** in Rakuten, Singapore.  
Research is in the area of Machine Translation.
- Oct 2019 – Apr 2021 • **Postdoctoral Researcher** in ADAPT Centre, Ireland.  
Research is in the area of Machine Translation and Natural Language Processing. Investigation of indirect translation and sentiment classification. Technologies: Python, Pandas, Numpy, Spacy, Keras.
- Oct 2015 – Sep 2019 • **PhD Researcher** in ADAPT Centre, Ireland.  
Research is in the area of Machine Translation and Natural Language Processing. Use of data-selection techniques and synthetic data generation for improving machine-translation. Technologies: OpenNMT, Python, Scala, C language.
- Aug 2013 – Sep 2015 • **Big Data Engineer** in BEEVA.  
Projects involved: (i) Development of a tool for calculating the risks involved in the granting of loans; (ii) Data exploration using Spark and Scala; (iii) A client segmentation analysis using data mining techniques. Technologies: R and Hive; and (iv) Development of a tool based in intelligent agent ecosystem. Technologies: node.js and Neo4j.
- Jun 2012 – Jul 2012 • **Software Developer** in LKS.  
Use of Oracle PL/SQL, Oracle Forms and Oracle Reports technologies
- May 2011 – Aug 2011 • **Web Developer** in Sectoro4 Consultoría Y Soluciones Informáticas S.L.  
Web application development using the following technologies: PHP (CodeIgniter framework), HTML, jQuery, AJAX, CSS, MySQL

## Education

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- 2015 – 2019 • **Ph.D., Machine Translation** in Dublin City University, Ireland.  
Research in the area of Machine Translation.  
Thesis title: *Improving Transductive Data Selection Algorithms for Machine Translation*
- 2012 – 2013 • **M.Sc., Machine Learning** in University of the Basque Country, Spain.  
Thesis title: *Preprocess and data analysis techniques for affymetrix DNA microarrays using bioconductor: a case study in Alzheimer disease*
- 2009 – 2010 • **Erasmus study year** in École pour l'informatique et les techniques avancées (EPITA), France
- 2004 – 2011 • **B.Sc. Computer Science** in University of the Basque Country, Spain.

## Certificates and Courses

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2016 • **Machine learning** Coursera  
<https://www.coursera.org/account/accomplishments/certificate/5XKFZ85CN8U8>

2014 • **Data Science Specialization** Coursera  
<https://www.coursera.org/account/accomplishments/specialization/3QE0AonkEe>

## Languages

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- Native: Spanish
- Proficiency level: English
- Intermediate level: French, Basque
- Basic level: Japanese, Serbian, German, Italian

## Miscellaneous

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### Academia

- Number of papers published: 30  
<https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=0HKfbi4AAAAJ>
- Number of presentations: 10 (in international conferences and events for science outreach )
- Teaching Assistant of "Programming I" (2005-2008), "Data Structures and Algorithms" (2006) in University of the Basque Country.
- Teacher of "Statistical Machine Translation" (2019-2020) and "Machine Learning" (2020) in Dublin City University.

### Volunteering Experience and Scientific outreach

- 2017 – 2019 • **Coordinator** All Ireland Linguistics Olympiad (AILO) and International Linguistics Olympiad (2017)
- 2017 – 2018 • **Spanish Teacher**
- **My Thesis in 3 in French**
- 2015 • **DL4MT Winter School: Deep Learning for Machine Translation** volunteer