

# walterschulze

programmer

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## languages

bilingual in Afrikaans  
and English  
Learning Dutch

## programming

Expert:

Golang, Protocol  
Buffers

Proficient:

Haskell, Elm, Git, BNF,  
Latex, Docker

Forgotten:

Python, Java, Matlab,  
XSLT, PHP, SQL, C,  
Assembler, Delphi,  
Turbo Pascal

## employment

2016 ...

### eBay Classifieds Group

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

*Go Developer*

Since August 2016, I was in the Global Systems Team that develops services for classified sites around the world.

- Took over maintenance and development of treeBay, a translating reverse proxy that shows eBay ads on classifieds sites. Tools used: Elm, Go, Docker, Cassandra, Kafka, Filebeat, Consul, Nomad, Grafana, Kibana and Jenkins.
- Replaced an Nginx proxy, handling 2000 requests per second, with a new Go proxy for flexibility and simplicity, but got extra speed and stability.
- Interviewed over 50 candidates.

2011 – 2016

### Vastech

Stellenbosch, South Africa

*Programmer*

Since 2011 I have been working at Vastech, a company that develops and sells hardware and software that is used for massive passive surveillance of communication networks. I have been part of a team that is developing a distributed database from scratch. This database was focused on fast writing of time series data. We developed this all in Go.

Amongst other things I have:

- Designed and developed the query language and matching algorithm.
- Refactored and redesigned the metadata serialization scheme.
- Initiated and developed the company's open source policy.
- Redesigned our schema and index configuration from a compile time to run time configurable dependency.
- Coordinated a design with the team and developed the update mechanism for metadata in the write fast distributed database.
- Developed and lead the intern program. This consisted of more than 20 unique interns over a period of 2 years and a maximum of 12 at one time.

2010 – 2011

### Entersekt

Stellenbosch, South Africa

*Junior Developer*

Developing a Java and J2ME code generator in Python while assisting on various other projects involving PHP, SQL, XML-RPC and Network Security.

before 2010

### more

South Africa

*Part Time Consultant, Teaching Assistant and Intern*

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## education

- 2014 ... **PhD** in Computer Science (**part time**) Stellenbosch University  
At present I am actively working on a validation language for tree structures. This is all being open sourced at <https://github.com/katydid>. I have also built a playground at <http://katydid.github.io/play> to help with getting quick feedback from potential users.
- 2007–2009 **MSc** in Computer Science (**cum laude**) Stellenbosch University  
*A Formal Language Theory Approach to Music Generation*  
We investigate the suitability of applying some of the probabilistic and automata theoretic ideas, that have been extremely successful in the areas of speech and natural language processing, to the area of musical style imitation. By using music written in a certain style as training data, parameters are calculated for (visible and hidden) Markov models (of mixed, higher or first order), in order to capture the musical style of the training data in terms of mathematical models. These models are then used to imitate two instrument music in the trained style.
- 2006 **BSc Honours** in Computer Science Stellenbosch University  
Year project (passed with distinction): A bridge type card game which is played on mobile phones against each other. This included the implementation of a J2ME Client, Java Server, Database and Artificial Intelligent Players. Included courses on: Advanced Algorithms and Data Structures, Pattern Recognition, Artificial Intelligence, Simulation, Applied Automata Theory, Embedded Systems Programming and Concurrent Programming.
- 2003–2005 **Bachelor** of Computer Science Stellenbosch University  
Included courses on: Operating Systems, Low Level, Cryptography, Networks, Coding Theory, System Design, Algorithms and Data Structures, Databases and Formal Language Theory.
- 2011 ... **Various Online Certificates** Coursera and Edx  
[Please see my CV repository](#)

## publications

- 2010 **Music Generation with Mixed and Higher Order Hidden Markov Models** IEEE Multimedia  
Walter Schulze and Prof Brink van der Merwe

## awards

2013

### Developed and Lead Intern Program

Vastech

We started with about 2 interns per year. I developed and lead the intern program up to the point where we now take up to 17 interns per year. I was given one of the three awards Vastech gives out every year.

## open source projects

2015

### Katydid

Go, Serialization Formats, PhD

Validation Language for Trees

2013

### gogoprotobuf

Go, Protocol Buffers, 1000+ Stars

Protocol Buffers for Go with Gadgets

2015

### Goderive

Go, Code Generation, Functional Programming

Derives mundane golang functions that you do not want to maintain and keeps them up to date

2012

### GoGraphviz

Go, Graphviz, Parser Generator

Go Parser for Graphviz's Dot Format

## interests

**professional:** Automata, Programming Language Design, Computational Neuroscience

**personal:** Guitar, Music Production, Music Technology