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Education

University of Southern California (USC)

Los Angeles, California

Ph.D. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Aug 2023 - present

• GPA: 3.67. Research Interests: Software Engineering, Software Testing, Web Services. Advisor: Prof. William G.J. Halfond.

Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB)

Athens, Greece

MSc in Information Systems

Oct 2019 - Jan 2022

• GPA: 3.5 (8.74/10) – "Distinction". Thesis: "An Empirical Investigation of Boilerplate Code," supervised by Prof. Diomidis Spinellis.

Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB)

Athens, Greec

BSc in Management Science and Technology (DMST)

Sep 2014 - Oct 2018

• **GPA:** 3.71 (9.28/10) – Ranked 1st of 48 students in cohort. **Major:** Software Engineering and Data Science.

Professional Experience

Amazon AWS

New York City, New York

APPLIED SCIENTIST II (INTERN)

Summer 2025

- AWS Proactive Security Detective Tooling (PSDT) team. Manager: George Argyros.
- Artemis: Detecting authorization issues through source code analysis using Al-agents.
- Tech Skills: Python, Java, Static Analysis, Agentic AI, APIs, Coral Services.

University of Southern California (USC)

Los Angeles, California

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT (PART-TIME)

Aug 2023 - May 2025

- Spring 2024, 2025: CSCI 310 Software Engineering, Prof. William G.J. Halfond.
- Fall 2023, 2024: CSCI 530 Security Systems, Prof. Clifford Neuman.

GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT (PART-TIME)

• Summer 2024: Working on an Empirical study for Web Accessibility, with Dr. Paul Chiou and Prof. William G.J. Halfond.

European Banking Authority (EBA)

Paris, France

SENIOR SOFTWARE ENGINEER (FULL-TIME)

Feb 2023 - Jun 2023

- Anti-money Laundering Platform: Maintenance and development of the web application.
- Egate: Maintenance and development of the Competent Authorities Notification system.
- Tech Skills: Java, Angular, Docker, MongoDB, CSS.

UBITECH LTD Athens, Greece

SENIOR SOFTWARE ENGINEER (FULL-TIME) - TEAM LEADER

Jun 2022 - Feb 2023

- ResearchHUB: Design, implementation, and development of a platform that aggregates data for research projects in the UAE.
- eu-LISA: Graphical design and development of the Greek Entry-Exit System for border control.
- Tech Skills: Quarkus, Angular, Docker, Elastic, MongoDB, Vue.js, Minio, Figma, Node.js, SQL, CSS.

SENIOR SOFTWARE ENGINEER (FULL-TIME)

Aug 2020 – Jun 2022

- Dehems: Graphical design and development of a platform for monitoring patient records and experiments on HIV blood samples.
- Infinitech: Development of a PoC for a Consent Management System for Banking Services.
- Tech Skills: Spring-boot, Quarkus, Angular, Docker, Elastic, Vue.js, Minio, Figma, SQL, MongoDB, CSS.

SOFTWARE ENGINEER (FULL-TIME)

Nov 2018 - Aug 2020

- ICARUS: Design and development of the platform for an aviation industry-sensitive data processing and marketplace platform.
- Tech Skills: Spring-boot, Angular, Docker, Elastic, MongoDB, Minio, Figma, Node.js, SQL, CSS, WordPress.

Oracle Athens, Greece

BACK-END DEVELOPER (CONTRACTOR)

Summer 2018

- Development of the back-end system for managing user information in the Hellenic Telecommunications Organisation.
- Tech Skills: Java EE, OracleDB, Web Services.

Cardlink Athens, Greece

FULL STACK WEB DEVELOPER (INTERN)

Spring 2018

- Cardlink Pulse: Design, implementation, and development of a platform for managing data of merchant e-shop businesses.
- Tech Skills: MEAN stack (Angular, MongoDB, Node.js), Docker, Python.

Quintessential SFT Athens, Greece

SOFTWARE ENGINEER (FREELANCE)

Aug 2017 – Jul 2019

- Cardlink Chatbot: Development of a customer support service chatbot.
- Cloudnous: Development of a Cloud-Based SaaS billing analytics platform.
- GAMS Visualization: Development of a platform for excel data visualization.
- Tech Skills: MEAN stack (Angular, MongoDB, Node.js), Docker, Chatbot (MS Bot Framework).

Research Experience __

Software Quality Lab (SQL), USC

Los Angeles, California

Aug 2023 – present

RESEARCH ASSISTANT (PART-TIME)

- Research area: Program Analysis, Software Engineering, Web Accessibility, Software Testing, Web Services.
- Advisor: Prof. William G.J. Halfond.

Publications

N.D. Sakkas, S. Yfanti, P. Shah, N. Sakkas, **C. Chaniotakis**, C. Daskalakis, M. Domnich, E. Barbu. "Explainable approaches for forecasting building electricity consumption." Published at Multidisciplinary Digital Publishing Institute (MDPI) - Energies (2023).

N. Sakkas, **C. Chaniotaki**, N. Sakkas, C. Daskalakis. "Building data models and data sharing. Purpose, approaches, and a case study on explainable demand response." Published at Emerging Concepts for Sustainable Built Environments (SBEFIN 2022).

C. Chaniotaki, P. Prodromidis. *"The trade sector and regions that displayed an increase in employment during the recession (2008–2015)."* Presented at the 19th Scientific Conference of the Association of Greek Regionalists (2016).

P. Lappas, E. Kritikos, **C. Chaniotaki**, C.T. Lardopoulou, A. Gotsi. "An Educational Scenario in the context of Scientific Process: Numerical Solution of Equations and Systems of Equations using Cognitive Tools." Presented at the 12th DMST Student Conference (2015).

Teaching Experience

University of Southern California (USC)

Los Angeles, California

INSTRUCTOR

Mar 2024

• **One-hour lecture** about "Security from Implementation Perspective" in the course CSCI 310: Software Engineering under the supervision of Prof. William G.J. Halfond in a class of 200 students.

Department of Management Science and Technology (DMST), AUEB

Athens, Greece

GUEST-LECTURE

Spring 2018 & 2019

• Four four-hour lectures on how to "Design a Mobile App From Scratch" under the supervision of Prof. George Lekakos.

Honors and Awards

| 2023-2027 | Funding - Research or Teaching Assistantship, Ph.D. in Computer Science, USC | Los Angeles, CA |
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| 2024 | Scholarship - \$5,000 from Gerondelis Foundation, Ph.D. in Computer Science, USC | Los Angeles, CA |
| 2019 | Scholarship - 50% tuition, MSc in Information Systems, AUEB | Athens, Greece |
| 2018 | 1 st place winner, Central Hackathon | Lamia, Greece |

Skills

Programming Languages: Java, JavaScript, Typescript, Python, HTML5, CSS3, JSP, jQuery, R, ETEX.

Frameworks; Libraries: Spring-Boot, Quarkus, Angular, Vue.js, MEAN Stack, RESTful API, Chatbots (BotBuilder), Electron.js, Minio, Hibernate, Maven, NPM, Soot, ANTLR.

Databases: SQL, MySQL, MSSQL, Postgres, OracleDB, MongoDB, Redis.

Other: Node.js, Docker, Git, Alexa Skill, Matlab, WordPress, Firebase, Elastic, Solr, Nginx, Selenium.

Other Skills: Code Review, Debugging, Testing, User Experience/User Interface (UX/UI), Figma.

Languages: Greek (Native), English (fluent oral and writing), Spanish (A1 - Basic words and phrases only).