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"To go far you must begin near, and the nearest step is the most important one" — Krishnamurti

Summary

12+ years of executive and hands-on experience in IT

Work Experience

SPEQT

Co-FOUNDER & CEO

- Building the next generation spend & cashflow management service for businesses

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Jan. 2020 - PRESENT

Xeco Labs

Co-FOUNDER & CEO

- Building highly complex financial software
- Business Development, Customer Acquisition, Negotiations
- Administration
- Marketing

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Jun. 2018 - PRESENT

Initial Block

FOUNDER

- Building world-class software solutions
- Consulting firms on IT team management

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Jan. 2016 - Dec. 2019

Hengroen

FREELANCE BACKEND DEVELOPER & DEVOPS

- As part of the tech team I was involved in making the product ready for production-ready and high traffic, mainly by improvements on the overall infrastructure, writing stress tests and converting projects from JAVA to Golang.
- Keywords: Go, Golang, Java, Spring, AWS, Amazon ECS, Wercker, Terraform, Microservices, Docker

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Mar. 2017 - Jan. 2018

Capture Camera International

ADVISER

- I helped and advised the team to move on preparations for the launch of the app. Basically my focus was to bring architectural changes to the backend and infrastructure for high availability / scalability.
- Keywords: Python, Django, Devops, Google Cloud, Postgres, Scalability, Docker

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Apr. 2017 - May. 2017

Spaaza B.V.

FREELANCE SOFTWARE ENGINEER & DEVOPS

- In charge of stabilizing SPAAZA's core infrastructure
- Designing the architecture and Developing SPAAZA's new Analytics Platform
- Keywords: Java, Spring, Golang, Elasticsearch, Serverless, Docker, AWS ECS, Machine Learning, DevOps, Terraform, Microservices

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Jan. 2017 - Jan. 2018

Ginger Payments B.V.

SOFTWARE ENGINEER

- Integrating American Express as one of the supported payment providers for Ginger Platform
- Keywords: Python, Jython(Java), AWS Elastic Beanstalk, AWS DynamoDB, Microservices

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Jul. 2016 - Dec. 2018

FIND A SHELF

Co-FOUNDER

- A platform connecting independent product makers and brands to retail stores
- An intensive mini M.B.A
- Keywords: Business Development, Sales and Marketing during the day, coding at night

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Sep. 2015 - Dec. 2016

DTT Multimedia

TECHNICAL CONSULTANT

- Coached the team to improve the workflow and work more agile
- Involved with a massive migration of servers to a cloud based environment
- Keywords: DevOps, Ansible, Consultancy, Agile, Scrum Master, AgileCoach

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

May 2016 - Jul. 2016

BoosterMedia (CoolGames.com)

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

SOFTWARE ENGINEER

Mar. 2014 - Nov. 2015

- In charge of scalability of Boostermedia's multi region platform
- Designed and Developed the new Gaming Platform for company's flagship product CoolGames.com
- Designed and Developed the new state of the art Event Service to capture and analyse the gamers' behaviours
- Designed and Developed an analytics tool to gather and aggregate analytics data from 600+ Google Analytics accounts
- Keywords: Java8, Play Framework 2, Akka, Camel, ActiveMQ, Cassandra, Machine Learning, AWS, Packer

Packt Publishing

Birmingham, United Kingdom

TECHNICAL REVIEWER

Jun. 2015 - Oct. 2015

- Technical reviewer of the book Java Functional Programming.
- Keywords: Technical Review, Java8, Functional Programming

Booking.com

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

SOFTWARE DEVELOPER

Dec. 2013 - Feb. 2014

- As part of the Hotel Innovation team, I was responsible for implementing new features for Booking.com's Extranet.
- Keywords: Perl, MySQL, JavaScript

eBuddy B.V.

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

BACKEND DEVELOPER

Apr. 2013 - Dec. 2013

- Worked on various products and services such as XMS, GMS and APPX
- Developed a Smart Messaging concept, to analyze user's messages in real-time
- Keywords: Java, Spring, Elasticsearch, Cassandra, NLP, Puppet

GridLine

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

LANGUAGE TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPER

Jan. 2012 - Mar. 2013

- Improved and Developed various modules for the company's core products; Gridwalker-X: a lucene-based search engine; Gridwalker-R: Apache Mahout based recommendation System; Kilenkendetaal-QuickScan: service to measure the difficulty of text for Dutch language
- Worked on various projects for the Dutch government
- Keywords: Java, ApacheMahout, Apache Hadoop, Lucene, HBase, NLP, Machine Learning

United Academics

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

WEB DEVELOPER

Sep. 2011 - Dec. 2011

- Part of developing the Social Media for the Academia
- Keywords: Python, Django, Javascript

ParaBot Services

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

SOFTWARE ENGINEER & RESEARCHER

Jan. 2011 - Jul. 2011

- Developed a Sentiment Analysis service as part of my master's thesis: A Semi-supervised approach to context-based sentiment analysis
- Keywords: Python, Java, NLP, Machine Learning

Honors & Awards

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| 2006 | Full Scholarship , Georgia State University | Atlanta, GA, U.S.A |
| 2005 | Full Scholarship , University of Georgia | Athens, GA, U.S.A |
| 2005 | Study Grant , Rochester Institute of Technology | Rochester, NY, U.S.A |

Education

University of Amsterdam

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

M.Sc. IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Aug. 2009 - Sep. 2011

- Specialized in Machine Learning with a minor in Natural Language Processing