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## Summary

10+ years of experience as Software Developer, Data Scientist and Blockchain expert

## Work Experience

### Xeco Labs

CO-FOUNDER

- Software development power-house.

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Jun. 2018 - PRESENT

### Initial Block

FOUNDER

- Building world-class blockchain solutions
- ICO analysis and due-diligence

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Jan. 2018 - PRESENT

### Coinograph

CO-FOUNDER

- Coinograph is the Swiss army knife we're building for cryptocurrency traders offering them tools and signals for trade opportunities. For now our focus is on traders active on Telegram platform.

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Nov. 2017 - PRESENT

### 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 DEVELOPMENT

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

- 2006 **Full Scholarship**, Georgia State University
- 2005 **Full Scholarship**, University of Georgia
- 2005 **Study Grant**, Rochester Institute of Technology

Atlanta, GA, U.S.A

Athens, GA, U.S.A

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

## Extracurricular Activity

### Documentary

Planet Earth

PHOTOGRAPHY

2001 - present

- Story telling

### Various tech

Planet Earth

TEACHING COMPUTER SCIENCE

1995 - present

- Teaching (Pro bono) Computer Science to the under privileged

- Technical and non-technical ramblings