# Vlad Kozin

**Clojure**, **ClojureScript**, **Racket**, **Redex**, **JavaScript**, **OMeta**, **meta-programming**  
Fall’13 [Recurse Center](https://www.recurse.com/) (aka Hacker School) alum

## Corporate ladder

Since Apr 2017

*Programmer* at [Droit](http://droitfintech.com/) (London, UK)

Same as before but with obligatory daily commute.

2015-2017

*Programmer/Consultant* at [Droit](http://droitfintech.com/) (New York, USA - remote)

Building an expert system for compliant trading. Sneaking Clojure/ClojureScript into unsuspecting financial giants. On any given day I could be designing DSLs, implementing compilers, parsers, rule-based engines, putting together simple browser-based GUIs and whatever else the startup life would have me do.

2014-2015

*Programmer* at [Yandex](https://company.yandex.com/) (Moscow, Russia).

Officially a member of *Search Interfaces Development Infrastructure* group, but mostly I write backend tools that perform source to source compilation: parse, transform and generate code. Any given project will inevitably depend on: [ometajs](https://github.com/veged/ometa-js), [esprima](http://esprima.org/), [estraverse](https://github.com/estools/estraverse), [uglify-js](https://github.com/mishoo/UglifyJS), [escodegen](https://github.com/estools/escodegen), [xjst](https://github.com/veged/xjst). If I’m lucky and do it right frontend developers get to use my work and get all the credit.

2009-2011

*Equity Derivatives & Structured Products Sales* at [Renaissance Capital](https://www.rencap.com/InvestmentBanking/About/) (Moscow, Russia).

2007-2009

*EM Structured Solutions and Derivatives Sales* at [Barclays Capital](http://investmentbank.barclays.com/markets.html) (London, UK).

## Projects

Racket

*Author* of [ometa-racket](https://github.com/vkz/ometa-racket), a mostly complete Racket implementation of [OMeta](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/OMeta) - OO pattern-matching language that extends PEGs with ability to handle left-recursive rules and match structured data.

*Author* of [skish](https://github.com/vkz/skish), a mostly futile attempt at porting Olin Shivers’ wonderful [scsh](http://scsh.net/) to Racket. scsh is a non-interactive Unix shell embedded within Scheme (originally Scheme48).

Clojure

*Author* of several closed-source products: FpML message parser, financial derivatives classifier based on ISDA taxonomies, legal annotation tools, etc.

*Contributor* to [seqexp](https://github.com/cgrand/seqexp/pull/6), regular expressions for Clojure sequences.

JavaScript

*Author* of [bemhtml-syntax](https://github.com/vkz/bemhtml-syntax), a syntax converter for [BEMHTML](https://en.bem.info/) - an XSLT inspired templating language - part of [BEM methodology](https://en.bem.info/method/) of frontend development.

*Author* of [bemhtml-source-convert](https://github.com/vkz/bemhtml-source-convert), a *best effort* compiler from [BEMHTML](https://en.bem.info/) templates to [BH](https://github.com/bem/bh) templates.

*Author* of [xjst-more](https://github.com/vkz/xjst-more), an [XJST](https://github.com/veged/xjst)-based compiler for BEMHTML templates that facilitates incremental compilation of templates potentially on the Client. WIP.

*Contributor* to [ometa-js](https://github.com/veged/ometa-js), a JavaScript implementation of [OMeta](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/OMeta).

*Contributor* to [bem-xjst](https://github.com/bem/bem-xjst), XJST-based compiler for BEMHTML templates.

## Formal education

2004–2006

[Keldysh Institute of Applied Mathematics](http://keldysh.ru/index.en.shtml) (Moscow, Russia)  
*PhD track in Applied Mathematics, dropped out*

2004

[New Economic School](https://www.nes.ru/) (Moscow, Russia)  
*MS in Economics track with full scholarship, dropped out*

1999-2004

[Lomonosov Moscow State University](http://www.msu.ru/en/info/struct/depts/mechmath.html) (Moscow, Russia)  
*MS in Theoretical Mechanics and Applied Mathematics.*

## Autodidacticisms

2012

[How to Design Programs](http://www.ccs.neu.edu/home/matthias/HtDP2e/index.html) by Matthias Felleisen et al.

How I was introduced to programming. [Assorted solutions to HtDP](https://github.com/vkz/HtDP).

2012

[Programming Languages](http://cs.brown.edu/courses/cs173/2012/), [[Certificate](http://cs.brown.edu/courses/cs173/2012/OnLine/Certification/687898716/)]  
Brown University

How I was introduced to creating PLs. Taught by [Shriram Krishnamurthi](http://cs.brown.edu/~sk/) based on his wonderful [PLAI](http://cs.brown.edu/courses/cs173/2012/book/) text. [My solutions](https://github.com/vkz/PLAI) - a sequence of interpreters for progressively more complex languages: all the way to OOP, CPS transforms and type checkers.

2014

[Hardware/Software Interface](https://www.coursera.org/course/hwswinterface), [[Certificate](https://www.dropbox.com/s/ca393yfzxz9ymvi/Certificate%20-%20Hardware%20Software%20Interface%20%28Coursera%29.pdf?dl=0) 89.6%]  
University of Washington for Coursera

How I was introduced to systems programming. Essentially an Introduction to Computer Systems course as taught at Carnegie Mellon with the same course-load and text [Computer Systems: A Programmer’s Perspective](http://csapp.cs.cmu.edu/) by Bryant and O’Hallaron.

2014

[Paradigms of Computer Programming 1](https://www.edx.org/course/paradigms-computer-programming-louvainx-louv1-1x-0), [[Certificate1](https://www.dropbox.com/s/043fwuco9fhbb09/Certificate%20-%20Paradigms%20of%20Computer%20Programming%20part1%20%28Louvain%20for%20EDX%29.pdf?dl=0) 94%]  
[Paradigms of Computer Programming 2](https://www.edx.org/course/paradigms-computer-programming-louvainx-louv1-2x-0), [[Certificate2](https://www.dropbox.com/s/awaogk8u5bsamqk/Certificate%20-%20Paradigms%20of%20Computer%20Programming%20part2%20%28Louvain%20for%20EDX%29.pdf?dl=0) 97%]  
Université catholique de Louvain for edX

How I was introduced to concurrency, multi-paradigm programming and delightful paradigms that so far seem to exist only in academic setting. Taught by [Peter Van Roy](https://www.info.ucl.ac.be/~pvr/cvvanroy.html) and is based on his classical [Concepts, Techniques, and Models of Computer Programming](https://www.info.ucl.ac.be/~pvr/book).

2015

[Introduction to Probability](https://www.edx.org/course/introduction-probability-science-mitx-6-041x-0), [[Certificate](https://www.dropbox.com/s/egjo8b6ivigoqqj/Certificate%20-%20Intro%20to%20Probability%20%28MIT%20for%20EDX%29.pdf?dl=0) 94%]  
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Because it’s awesome.

2017

[Redex](https://redex.racket-lang.org/) for designing operational semantics  
[The Racket Summer School of Semantics and Languages](https://summer-school.racket-lang.org/2017/) in Salt Lake City, Utah.

While targeted at PL PhDs a bunch of us non-academic types had been admitted. Learnt to create languages quickly and back them up with runnable reduction semantics - what’s not to like?

## Languages

Russian, English

Equally uncomfortable.

Clojure

What I get to use for my current projects.

Racket

Favorite Lisp. Would be my weapon of choice were such choice ever offered.

JavaScript

Wrote fair amount, mostly backend compiler stuff with Node.js.

OMeta

Extensive experience writing parsers and fairly complex grammars.

Emacs Lisp

Unavoidable Lisp.

Java

Enough to write a Clojure wrapper with necessary bindings.

C

Enough to pass a systems programming class but not nearly enough to actually use it.

Factor, OCaml, Lua

Toyed with but never used in earnest.

## Activities and interests

Most of my activities and interests these days involve boxes with lights and buttons. Even so there were reports of me cycling, bouldering, surfing, roller-skating, skiing and more. Having owned a sports car I’ll choose a bicycle every time.

Lived in the UK, US, Hungary, Spain and far more exotic places. Crossed the US from Mexico to Canada twice with the current state count of 19.

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