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# **Experience**

Messerli Informatik AG Spreitenbach, Switzerland

SOFTWARE ENGINEER, SCRUM MASTER

September 2014-August 2019

- Heavily involved in the shaping of the company's technical strategy
- Introduced teams to Scrum and worked with them to transform their project management process
- · Prepared and conducted presentations for company internal training in topics such as usage of modern C++ and Clean Code along with accompanying articles for the company's internal wiki
- Refactored decades old code to be testable while cleaning up architecture
- · Wrote libraries used by new projects with focus on testability, immutability and architecture
- Conducted apprenticeship days
- Setup company-wide continuous integration process

**Myelin Research Group** Aarau, Switzerland

CO-FOUNDER, PRODUCT OWNER, RESEARCHER & SOFTWARE ENGINEER

September 2018-September 2019

- Developed new training strategies with the goal of achieving general intelligence
- Implemented 3<sup>rd</sup> generation neural networks
- · Researched new ways of evolving neural network topology through genetics, especially through evolutionary developmental biology
- Combined libraries to a general 2D simulation engine with a clean architecture
- Helped writing a mocking library

**Packt Publishing LTD** Remote

Author of "The Rust Standard Library Cookbook"

September 2017-April 2018

- Worked out a general outline in collaboration with Packt's content managers
- Researched the various topics referenced in the book
- Wrote reference code designed as "recipes", i.e. general code snippets applicable to many projects
- · Elaborated the code in an engaging, easy to read and fun way
- · Included background information related to the technology at hand and practical tips related to the topic
- Refined the content of the book in collaboration with editors and technical reviewers

isitvegan.app Remote

CO-DEVELOPER May 2019

- User friendly querying of vegan food and additives on desktop and mobile, especially e-numbers
- Live under https://www.isitvegan.app
- Developed with a friend in our spare time
- · Automatic data import and analysis from different sources
- Filled in information gaps on Wikipedia

### Messerli Informatik AG TEAM LEAD, PRODUCT OWNER

Spreitenbach, Switzerland

August 2019-September 2019

- · Planned and executed the creation of a new updater/installer as well as the server infrastructure for new development
- Led a team of up to seven software developers and designers
- Discussed implications of breaking changes with other team leads
- Documented architecture and workflows of new products



**Programming Languages** Rust, C++, C#, C, Java, TypeScript, JavaScript, Python, F#, SQL, Haskell, bash

> **Backend** Test-driven Development, Clean Architecture, Clean Code, Neural Networks, Machine Learning

> > Functional Programming, Object Oriented Programming, Pair Programming, REST

Frontend WebAssembly, HTML5, CSS, REST

**Databases** MariaDB, MySql, PostgreSQL, Redis, Microsoft Access **DevOps** Continuous Integration, Docker, Sonar, Travis

**Tools** Git, GitHub, PowerShell, IATFX, Unity Engine, Microsoft Office, Microsoft Excel

**Operating Systems** Windows, Windows Server, macOS, Debian Linux, Fedora Linux

> Scrum Developer, Product Owner, Scrum Master

**Administrative** Team Leadership, Requirement Analysis, Documentation, Work Organization on a Yearly, Monthly and Daily Basis

Languages German (First language), English (Fluent), French, Spanish

## **Education**

Alte Kantonsschule Aarau Aarau, Switzerland

SWISS GENERAL BACCALAUREATE (VOLUNTARILY PREMATURELY TERMINATED

August 2013-July 2014

Specialization in life sciences and mathematics

Prematurely Terminated in order to gain private sector know-how)

#### Messerli Informatik AG & Berufsschulen Berufsbildung Baden

SWISS FEDERAL VET DIPLOMA OF COMPUTER SCIENCE IN THE DISCIPLINE OF APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT

Spreitenbach & Baden, Switzerland

September 2014-September 2018

September 2014-September 2018

· Extracurricular activities: Attended game design course

Final grade: 5.1 (1 is worst, 6 is best)

#### Berufsbildung Baden

Baden, Switzerland

SWISS FEDERAL VOCATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

• Enlisted in immersion class: Some subjects where in English

• Final grade for subjects: 4.8 (1 is worst, 6 is best)

• Final grade for interdisciplinary project "Image Recognition with Artificial Neural Networks": 5.3 (1 is worst, 6 is best)

**AKAD** Zürich, Switzerland

PASSERELLE

August 2019-August 2020

- Final grade: 28 out of 30 points (Valedictorian)
- · This degree guarantees access to all Swiss universities and is generally seen as an equivalent of the Swiss Matura

## **Publications**.

#### **Rust Standard Library Cookbook**

Remote

AUTHOR

September 2017-April 2018

- · Wrote a book aimed at intermediate Rust developers • ISBN: 978-1788623926
- Amazon
- · Packt Pub

# Combining Neuro-Evolution of Augmenting Topologies with Convolutional Neural

Baden, Switzerland

RESEARCHER & AUTHOR

January 2016-January 2017

- Conducted research on new ways to evolve artificial intelligence for optical recognition
- ResearchGate

# **Certificates**

2014	ECDL Standard, ICDL / ECDL	Aarau, Switzerland
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2016	DELF (Diploma in French Language Studies) B1, International Centre for French Studies	Lucerne,
2010	DELF (Diploma in French Language Studies) Di, international Centre for French Studies	Switzerland
2017	Professional Scrum Master, Scrum.org & Digicomp Academy AG	Zurich, Switzerland
2019	Azure DevOps Gold Competency Assessment, Microsoft	Remote



André Messerli Ennetbaden, Switzerland

EXECUTIVE CEO AT MESSERLI INFORMATIK AG

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André worked closely with me on the planning of our new products. We formed ideas, discussed them with other team leads, evaluated pros and cons and documented our decisions together. He was a great teacher to me in leadership, decision making and economics. I owe my administrative skills to him.

Thomas Bruderer Zürich, Switzerland

CTO AT MESSERLI INFORMATIK AG

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Thomas and me were always trying to modernize the company's code, work culture and design philosophy, which lead to us forming a team tasked with the development of new services and rewriting existing products.