# Persistent and pragmatic system-level software engineer

I have worked in data stream processing at Materialize and in operating systems during my Ph.D. at ETH Zurich. At Materialize, I contributed to the protocol design and observability of the compute engine. During my Ph.D. I applied formal methods to configure and represent various hardware subsystems in operating systems:

- Interrupt Controller Configuration The interrupt topology in a modern system is a complex network
  of forwarding controller nodes. Each controller has its own set of configuration options. We formalized
  a model in Isabelle/HOL [3, 4] and used this model and a solver to configure the interrupt subsystem in
  a real operating system [6].
- I<sup>2</sup>C is a pervasive configuration bus. We developed an I<sup>2</sup>C stack that seamlessly integrates and verifies
  device-driver interactions with partially compliant devices, automatically generates driver software and
  controller hardware from a system description specified in a custom DSL [7].
- **Memory** We developed memory protection schemes for heterogeneous hardware [5, 2] and applied solver-based techniques for generating page-tables [1].

## Personal Information

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#### Education

2.2016- Computer Science Ph.D., ETH Zurich

2.2022 Systems Group. Supervisor: Timothy Roscoe

2.2011 - Computer Science Master, ETH Zurich

5.2013 Interests: Networks, Operating Systems, Algorithms. Grade: 5.59

Multicore Virtualization over a Multikernel, Master Thesis

Extending Barrelfishs virtual machine monitor to support multiple cores and investigate its performance

9.2007- Computer Science Bachelor, ETH Zurich

2.2011 Grade: 5.37

# Work Experience

3.2022- **Senior Software Engineer**, *Materialize* 

3.2023 Materialize is a streaming database that uses SQL. I worked on system observability and protocol development. Technologies: async Rust, tokio, Grafana, Kubernetes.

6.2017- Research Internship, HP Enterprise Labs

9.2017 I worked on memory protection schemes for disaggregated memory.

Older Triboni, UMS.ch, Wuala

Before starting my Ph.D. I worked as software developer at Triboni. During my Masters, I worked as a software engineer at UMS.ch and did an internship at Wuala.

#### Skills

Guru in Rust, C, Python, Linux, operating systems

Pretty good Haskell, X86 and ARM assembly, Prolog, Isabelle/HOL, Kubernetes

Speaks German, English

Knows The usual user space tools: git, vim, make, LATEX, etc.

# Hobbies and Travel

Likes Sci-Fi Books, Star Trek, Cycling, Hiking, Skiing, Electronics

8.2014 – Bicycle tour through Spain, France, Switzerland, Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, Paraguay and 9.2015 Brasil

## **Publications**

- [1] Reto Achermann, David Cock, Roni Haecki, Nora Hossle, Lukas Humbel, Timothy Roscoe, and Daniel Schwyn. Generating correct initial page tables from formal hardware descriptions. In 11th Workshop on Programming Languages and Operating Systems (PLOS2021), 2021. \* Authors in alphabetical order.
- [2] Reto Achermann, David Cock, Roni Haecki, Nora Hossle, Lukas Humbel, Timothy Roscoe, and Daniel Schwyn. Mmapx: Uniform memory protection in a heterogeneous world. In Proceedings of the Workshop on Hot Topics in Operating Systems, pages 159–166, Ann Arbor Michigan, June 2021. ACM. \* Authors in alphabetical order.
- [3] Reto Achermann, Lukas Humbel, David Cock, and Timothy Roscoe. Formalizing Memory Accesses and Interrupts. *Electronic Proceedings in Theoretical Computer Science*, 244:66–116, March 2017.
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- [7] Lukas Humbel, Daniel Schwyn, Nora Hossle, Roni Haecki, Melissa Licciardello, Jan Schaer, David Cock, Michael Giardino, and Timothy Roscoe. A model-checked I2C specification. In Alfons Laarman and Ana Sokolova, editors, *Model Checking Software*, pages 177–193, Cham, 2021. Springer International Publishing.