Maik Larooij.
Dual-PhD Researcher

Hi! I'm a tall (yes, above 2 meters indeed), Dutch guy currently pursuing a dual-PhD at the intersection of **Information Retrieval** and **Open Government**. As part of this, I also work in an advisory role for a Dutch governmental organisation. Want to chat about that over a cup of coffee? Feel free to reach out below!

Career

PhD Researcher - Information Retrieval for OpenGov
University of Amsterdam (UvA)
Sep. 2025 - Now

Part of the ICAI OpenGov Lab / IRLab / lvl. Research focus: advanced (generative / agentic) information retrieval for open governmen

(A)I-advisor
Rijksorganisatie voor Informatiehuishouding (RvIHH)
Sep. 2025 - Now

Consultation on challenges related to information keeping and AI for the Dutch government

Researcher / Developer WooGLe
University of Amsterdam (UvA)
Sep. 2022 - Aug. 2025 (3 years)

BI Developer - PowerBI / SQL / SSRS
Intersolve
Jun. 2021 - Aug. 2025 (~4 years)

Teaching Assistant - Bachelor Information Sciences
University of Amsterdam (UvA)
Aug. 2020 - Oct. 2021 (~1 year)

Education

MSc Computer Science (Big Data Engineering Track)
Joint Degree Vrije Universiteit (VU)/UvA
2023-2025 (2 year programme)

Grade: 8.9 (Cum Laude)
Thesis: "Testing Prosocial Behavior on Social Media Through Generative Simulation" (9)

Courses of BSc Computer Science
University of Amsterdam (UvA)
2022-2023

Followed various courses necessary for the transition Information Sciences → Computer Science

BSc Informatiekunde
University of Amsterdam (UvA)
2019-2022

Grade: 8.8 (Cum Laude)
Thesis on FAIR publishing: "De FAIRificatie van Woo-dossiers" (9)

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Skills

Programming: Python, C, JavaScript, SQL.... + everything is learnable!

Engineering: Linux, Docker, Kubernetes, networks....

Expertise: Large Language Models (LLMs), information retrieval, machine learning, data engineering, AI for society, generative AI

Milestones

Publications:
Please see maiklarooij.nl/publications for an actual list!

Prize: Winner UvA Alumni Impact Prize 2024

See also: opengov.nl, wooverheid.nl