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# EDUCATION

## Imperial College London

## M.Sc. Computing Science, Distinction

09/2017 - 09/2018

- Intensive 12 months practical conversion M.Sc. course in Computer Science
- Software Engineering (C++), Machine Learning (Python), Network and Web Security, Logic and AI Programming, Algorithms, Databases (SQL), Operating Systems, Computer Architecture
- Thesis: A Multi-Agent Simulation Framework and Analysis of the IOTA Tangle (Python, final mark 83%, research paper accepted at Symposium on Cryptocurrency Analysis 2018)
- Group project: Grocery Image Recognition with Deep Neural Networks (Python, Keras, JS)

## **Maastricht University**

#### B.Sc. International Business, Cum Laude

09/2013 - 07/2016

- Major: Finance (International Financial Management), Minor: Information Management
- GPA: 8.88 out of 10, graduated in top 3%, Beta Gamma Sigma international honour society
- Problem-based learning: collaborative learning approach, focus on teamwork and real-life cases

## The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Exchange semester as part of B.Sc.

09/2015 - 12/2015 • Investment and Portfolio Analysis, Negotiations, Computing (VBA), Economic History

#### Burgau-Gymnasium, Düren

# **Higher Education Entrance Qualification**

09/2004 - 06/2013

- Graduated first in class with a GPA of 1.0 (best possible grade, scale from 1.0 to 6.0)
- Awarded as one of the best graduates at state level, student representative, GAPP exchange

## Professional Experience

#### IOTA Foundation, London

M.Sc. Thesis Project

04/2018 - 09/2018

- Simulation framework developed in Python, research published and presented (details above)
- Actively collaborated with researchers of IOTA Foundation in Berlin and Tel Aviv via Slack, cooperation with IC Centre for Cryptocurrency Research and Engineering and Outlier Ventures

#### GP Bullhound, Berlin

#### Tech Investment Banking Intern

03/2017 - 07/2017

- Direct collaboration with analysts in London, Paris and San Francisco, received return offer
- Several simultaneous M&A sell-side transactions with emerging tech companies as well as a growth financing mandate targeting leading global venture capital investors (sectors: B2C online services & data analytics, FinTech and LegalTech software/SaaS, digital marketing)
- Supporting (senior) deal team with regard to investment documents, financial models, valuations and offer analysis, management of data rooms, performing independent research and analysis

#### SevenVentures / ProSiebenSat.1 Media SE, Munich

#### **Growth Investments Intern**

09/2016 - 12/2016

- Working for the Venture Capital (media investment) unit of the listed ProSiebenSat.1 group
- Preparing investment proposals and other documents for the investment committee, screening B2C-markets/targets, evaluation of business plans and financial models, due diligence activities

## Moneymeets, Cologne

## Business Development & Operations Intern

06/2015 - 07/2015

- Assisting the founder team in product- and strategy development, fundraising, investor relations
- Implementing digital customer support strategy with FreshDesk, online marketing data analysis

# QUALIFICATIONS & INTERESTS

IT skills

Language skills

Interests and travels

- Python, C++, SQL, Git, Latex (all advanced), Linux, VBA (basic), MS Office
- German (native), English (fluent)
- Football, TechCrunch, managing small experimental portfolio of cryptocurrencies
- Exploring developing economies: trips through China, Taiwan, Vietnam and the Philippines 09/2015 - 01/2016; Cuba 07/2016; Myanmar, Laos and Thailand 01/2017 - 02/2017; Mexico, Belize and Colombia 10/2018 - 12/2018