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EDUCATION

Imperial College London

M.Sc. Computing Science, Distinction

09/2017 - 09/2018

- Intensive 12 months practical conversion M.Sc. program 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