# Manuel Zander

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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» (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: 8.8 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), Chinese 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

#### Lloyds Banking Group, London

#### Machine Learning Data Engineer

04/2019 - present

- Data Engineer/Python Software Engineer for Data Science and Machine Learning applications
- Developing pipelines for large and complex financial data sets, Lead Engineer model monitoring Python package and Lead DE Personal Loans project – mainly using pandas, PySpark, etc.

#### IOTA Foundation, London

#### M.Sc. Thesis - Research & Development

04/2018 - 09/2018

- Simulation framework developed in Python, research published awarded Distinction
- Collaborated with researchers of IOTA Foundation in Berlin and Tel Aviv in cooperation with Imperial College 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
- Worked on several simultaneous M&A sell-side transactions with emerging tech companies as well as growth financing mandates targeting leading global venture capital investors
- Supported (senior) deal team with regard to investment documents, financial models, valuations and offer analysis, management of data rooms, performing research and analysis

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

#### **Growth Investments Intern**

09/2016 - 12/2016

- Worked for the Venture Capital (media investment) unit of the listed ProSiebenSat.1 group
- Prepared investment proposals and other documents for the investment committee, screened B2C-markets/potential targets, evaluated business plans and financial models, due diligence

#### SKILLS & INTERESTS

#### **Technologies**

- Python, PySpark, PyCharm, SQL, Git, Linux, Windows, LaTeX, Excel (advanced)
- C++, Hadoop, Teradata, Jenkins, Atlassian stack (basic)

#### Languages

#### Interests and travels

- 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