About my **education**:

I first started programming in high school. As a part of a course Informatics I first learned to write code in Pascal. In the second year of high school I joined the Informatics group where I was taught to code algorithms in C/C++. In the third year of high school I went to the national competition in algorithms and finished seventh.

In 2012 I started Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing in Zagreb. On the Faculty, I learned a lot of Mathematics, Computer Science and have head a couple of projects. I graduated my Masters degree in Computer Science this July 2017.

About my **experience**:

**TEAM LEADER**

My first bigger project was part of a Software Design class. I was team leader of 7 students. We were assigned to build and write documentation for a website for organizing fairs in Zagreb. **The most challenging part** of the project was that no one of us have ever built a website. A lot of the students have only recently learned to code.

Because I went to a Java course where they taught me to write a very simple website, I wrote most of the code for the site. The team had weekly meetings where we discussed use cases and all the other things needed for the documentation of the project.

From this project, **I learned** that a team that has one person working hard and other people working very little is not a good team.

**FIVE MINUTES && ZETAPP**

In 2015 I learned myself to build simple Android applications. In one month I build ZetApp - an application for viewing bus and tram timetables on a phone. **The reason I built ZetApp** was that the website of the public transport company wasn't built for phones. There I saw an opportunity to get better in Android development and to give something to my local community.

In the summer of 2015 I had an Internship at Five - an agency in Zagreb that builds apps and websites for their clients. I worked there as an Android developer. There **I leaned** a lot more about different libraries for Android and about the process of building an application from the ground up.

After the Internship I made a full redesign of the original ZetApp and have built it from scratch using everything that I leaned at Five.

**COMBIS**

In 2016 a was approached by a company in Zagreb called Combis. They offered me to do a small project for them in my spare time. The project **was interesting** to me because it was close to some things that I'm learning in college. This summer I was working for Combis on a Machine Learning project. It was very interesting to me because **I was using a lot of things** that have to do with Computer Science I leaned in college in practice.

Today I work full time at Combis. I am satisfied with my work at Combis, but I think I could use my potencial better in Palantir.

**Why Palantir?**

I heard for Palantir many years ago. I am very interested in the field that Palantir operates in. I love being challenged and I think Palantir is the best place to get challenged. I also got recommandations from my collegues for Palantir. They were working in a fast pace environment and I really like what I heard from them (direct contact with clients, decision power, fast pace etc.). Also, Palantir attracts me because I think you are solving different kind problems than other major tech companies - social networks, media companies (refugees, money laundering etc.).

**Why Microsoft?**

Microsoft is a company that has a global presence. Because of its size and number of users of Microsoft products I know that there are a lot of problems that someone like me, studying Computer Science, can help to solve and learn something new in the process. Also, I have never lived outside of Croatia and I'd love to get a chance to live and work for three months in another country and meet different cultures and life styles.

**Questions?**

1. How should I best prepare myself for technical interviews?

2. Tell me more about things forward deployed engineers do in their daily work.

3. What is the size of an average team at Palantir?