

# Michael van der Kolff

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## EDUCATION

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- **University of Wollongong** Wollongong, NSW  
*Bachelor of Mathematics (with Distinction)* Aug. 2011 – Dec. 2015
- **University of Wollongong** Wollongong, NSW  
*Bachelor of Computer Science (with Distinction)* Aug. 2011 – Dec. 2015

## EXPERIENCE

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- **Meta** Netherlands (Remote)  
*Production Engineer* October 2022 - November 2023
  - **Deletion Systems:** Worked on making deletion systems safer to auto-deploy.
  - **Works Council Member:** Core contributor to negotiations with management on social plan, leading to layoffs ultimately being successfully concluded. Drove analysis of potential upside/downside with focus on win-win for both parties, ultimately leading to all employees voluntarily accepting the offer presented.
- **Google** Sydney, NSW  
*Site Reliability Engineer* Jan 2017 - Mar 2022
  - **Oncaller:** Responded to oncall incidents, wrote postmortems, and otherwise acted on followup activity.
  - **LDAP:** Owned the evolution of the service, culminating in the design and implementation of glue to get internal customers to use Google Secure LDAP.
  - **Config push automation:** Worked on validating pushed config to corporate network switches.*Software Engineer* Mar 2016 - Dec 2016
  - **Platforms Networking:** Worked on the switch stack. Implemented PacketIO over gRPC, and wrote lots of functional tests.
- **University of Wollongong** Wollongong, NSW  
*Tutor* Aug 2012 - Nov 2015
  - **C# programming for 1st years:** These are introductory courses to programming.
  - **Algorithms:** 2nd year course - Tutored algorithmic complexity analysis, heaps, using them for discrete simulations.
  - **C++ programming for second years:** Final C++ course for second years.
  - **Network/Multithreading:** Unix systems programming.
- **Tibra Capital** Bondi Junction, NSW  
*Intern* Summer 2012-2013
  - **Integration testing:** End-to-end tests involving IronPython, .NET and making Paramiko work with IronPython.
  - **Performance testing:** Optimising performance of options pricing; learnt Linux perf for profiling work here.
- **NVTech Pty Ltd** GyMEA, NSW  
*Contract Systems Administrator* Sep 2001 - Dec 2013
  - **Linux servers for small businesses:** Find selection of packages to implement common functions for small businesses, such as network file sharing, email, calendar sharing &c.
  - **SPInfo:** Port Access backend to Firebird SQL. Implement common libraries for interface consistency, and otherwise hack VBA to make things work better.
  - **Customer service:** Respond to customer issues as they arose.

## PROGRAMMING SKILLS

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- **Languages:** Python, Golang, C++, SQL, Java, Haskell
- **Soft skills:** Incident Management, Mentoring, Analysis
- **Data science:** Statistical analysis, Mathematics, Machine Learning
- **Technologies:** PostgreSQL, Firebird, Kubernetes, GCE