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Work Experience

September 2020 Current

Software Engineer at Meta Platforms (former Facebook Inc.) in London, United Kingdom

Since I joined Meta, I have worked in three different teams with very different scope.

- Click-to-WhatsApp (IC), where our goal was to drive adoption and improve the performance of ads that lead users to open a conversation via WhatsApp with the advertisers.
- Creators As Marketers (IC), where we developed from scratch the Affiliate program. As a backend engineer, I worked on the cross-app infrastructure to allow content creators to discover products to recommend, as well as allow advertisers to discover creators to partner with.
- Catalog (as TL), where I am currenting leading a team of 8 people to improve the sourcing and utilization of signals coming from Pixels and Apps to improve the performance of Dynamic Ads

Technologies used: Data analysis with Python and SQL, app development with Hack, React and GraphQL.

July 2019 October 2019 Research Intern at Meta Platforms (former Facebook Inc.) in Palo Alto, USA

Built a prototype of a grammar-based compressor that achieved compression ratios comparable to the ones obtained with zstd. The compressor relied on some parameters that were optimized using a genetic algorithm, Technologies used: Prototype built in C, using Python to implement the genetic algorithm.

September 2016 September 2020 PhD Candidate at IMDEA Software Institute in Madrid, Spain

My PhD focuses on Applications of Language Theory. It is worth highlighting the development of zearch, a tool for searching with regular expressions in compressed text which outperformed the state of the art technology. This work led to an Research Internship at Meta and a publication at the Data Compression Conference.

Technologies used: Prototypes built in C, C++ and Python. Papers and Thesis written with LaTeX.

June 2014 May 2016

Internships while finishing my University studies

- Jun'14 May'15: Internship at IMDEA Software Institute in Madrid, Spain
- Jun'15 Sep'15: Internship at Max Planck Institute in Kaiserslautern, Germany
- Sep'15 May'16: Internship at IMDEA Software Institute in Madrid, Spain

Programming Skills

Languages

Advanced: C, Hack, React, Python, SQL

Medium: C++, Java, Bash, Awk, JavaScript, PhP, HTML, CSS, LaTeX

Basic: R, Assembly, Lisp, Prolog

Software

Linux, Sublime Text, Atom, VS Code, Git, SVN, Mercurial, Zsh, Excel, Google Sheets

Publications

The following is a list of my top 4 publications. The full list is available on Google Scholar and my personal website

A Congruence-Based Perspective on Finite Tree Automata

Published on Fundamenta Informaticae 2021

A Quasiorder-based Perspective on Residual Automata

Published on Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science 2020

Complete Abstractions for Checking Language Inclusion.

Published on ACM Transactions on Computational Logic 2021

Regular Expression Search on Compressed Text

Published on Data Compression Conference 2019

Education

- PhD in Software, Systems and Computing at Universidad Politécnica de Madrid
- Degree in Computer Science at Universidad Autónoma de Madrid GPA: 9.31 / 10 - Obtained 4 consecutive Excellence Awards for academic performance.
- Degree in Mathematics at Universidad Autónoma de Madrid GPA: 8.95 / 10