Salvador Alcántara



EDUCATION

2005–2011	MSc, PhD in <i>Industrial Informatics—Automatic Control</i> (Computer Science/Eng. program) Dept. of Telecommunications and Systems Engineering Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
	Doctoral Thesis: Analytical design of feedback compensator, based on robustness/performance and servo/regulator trade offs: utility in PID control applications
2006-2010	Completed 210 credits towards the BSc in Mathematics Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
	Lacking 3 electives (18 credits) and the FYP (12 credits)
1999–2004	BSc in Computer Science/Eng. (5-year degree) Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
	Diploma Thesis: Fast Discrete Wavelet Transform
	Awarded $Distinction\ with\ Honours$ in around 10 subjects
1995–1999	Secondary school VIARÓ (private school)
	Special Award (got my first year at university for free)

WORKING EXPERIENCE

11/2018-Present Software Engineer Auvik

Software development within the Traffic Insights project.

09/2015–11/2018 Full Stack Engineer Talaia

I join Talaia (now Auvik) to help migrate from a coupled monolith to a (micro-)service/distributed architecture. Overall, I work on different fronts, playing a traversal role within the company, where I am a shareholder since late 2017.

Frontend:

- Add new features using Python/Django and Javascript (jQuery, D3, React)
- Conversion into multi-tenant SaaS
- Integration with IdPs (login via SAML/SSO)
- REST APIs (Django REST Framework)

Backend:

- Add new features and fix bugs in the exising —legacy—NetFlow core processor written in C
- Minor excursions into Go for network-related tasks (e.g., replicate a NetFlow stream)
- Create small DSLs using ANTLR4
- Develop the app classification module within the new (distributed) NetFlow processing engine using Scala/Apache Flink and Machine Learning techniques
- Getting familiar with specialized data structures and algorithms (Bloom Filters, Count Min Sketches, Decision Trees, Frequent Itemset Mining, Stream Processing)

DevOps/Others:

- Ansible, Fabric, Vagrant, Docker, GCP (Kubernetes), Gitlab CI, Fluentd, Collectd, Grafana
- Ocassionally, conduct onpremise installations and provide support/training to our customers
- Write and review deliverables for different projects (project funding

08/2014–09/2015 Project Engineer Sipro Ingeniería

Execution of software-related tasks within Industrial Automation Projects:

- System Integration Services
- Industrial Control Systems: SCADA and PLC programming (Wonderware, Citect, Unity, S7)
- Development of reporting applications for sensor data (SQL Server, SSRS, .NET)

09/2012–08/2014 R&D Engineer / Marie Curie fellow Pure Air Solutions Zwolle, The Netherlands

Experienced Researcher within the european IAPP project Next Air Biotreat, where I (technically) lead one of the work packages.

Tasks:

- Supervision of Early Stage Researchers
- Modelling and simulation using MATLAB (see this)
- Study and evaluation of different control strategies (Fuzzy control, PID control + decoupling)
- PLCs/SCADA programming for the control of industrial biotrickling filters (PLC used: TBOX MS32 from CSE Semaphore)
- Design and implementation of a web-based monitoring platform for the company's PLCs data. Technologies used:
 - VB.NET, MODBUS/TCP
 - HTML, CSS, Javascript and PHP (Yii framework)
 - MySQL database

10/2011-09/2012 Postdoctoral Researcher

Dept. of Telecommunications and Systems Engineering (UAB) Obtained the accreditation for the following (tenure-track) positions:

- Profesor Ayudante Doctor (Spanish level)
- Professor Lector (Catalonia)

09/2007–09/2011 Predoctoral Scholar (PhD student)

Dept. of Telecommunications and Systems Engineering (UAB)

09/2005-09/2007 Adjunct Lecturer

Dept. of Telecommunications and Systems Engineering (UAB) Some teaching within the Computer Eng. degree (only labs):

- Signals and Systems (3rd year subject)
- Signal Processing (3rd year subject)
- Automatic Control (4th year subject)
- Supervisor of around 10 FYP students

07/2004-09/2005 Software Engineer

Intelogistica—later Coordina, finally acquired by TomTom

Tasks:

- Symbian smartphones programming in C++. Design and implementation of GPS-based applications
- Brief exposure to some JAVA frameworks (Hibernate, Spring)

06/2003–07/2004 Junior Web Programmer

PHP, JavaScript, MySql (Half-day work)

Track SL

FURTHER EDUCATION / TRAINING (MOST RECENT ONLY)

2018 Courses on SOLID, Hexagonal Architecture, ES/CQRS CodelyTV

06/2018 deeplearning.ai specialization

Coursera

04/2018 Machine Learning course

Coursera, Stanford University

08/2017 Deep Learning Nanodegree

Udacity

03/2014 OPC Connectivity

Hands-on training workshop by MatrikonOPC

Barcelona, Spain

LANGUAGE KNOWLEDGE

English 12/2007 Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)

Cambridge English — Language Assessment

Spanish/Catalan Mother tongues (bilingual)

INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES

• Software Engineering (SOLID, TDD, DDD, ES/CQRS)

- Databases, Big Data, Distributed Systems
- Machine Learning (Deep Learning)
- DevOps (CI & CD)
- Control Engineering (PLCs, PID control, Kalman filtering)
- Functional Programming, Category Theory
- Blockchain, Cryptocurrencies
- Jogging, Bodybuilding

References

These persons are familiar with my professional qualifications and my character:

(from industry)

Josep Sanjuàs Cuxart

Co-founder, CTO at IoMob

Former Co-founder, CEO at Talaia, acquired by Auvik Linkedin: https://www.linkedin.com/in/jsanjuas/

Feliu Sampere

R&D Engineer AIMPLAS · Technological Institute of Plastics Former Process Engineer at Pure Air Solutions Linkedin: https://www.linkedin.com/in/feliu-sempere/

Cristian Martí

Founder at Methinks

Former CEO at Coordina, now a TomTom company Linkedin: http://www.linkedin.com/in/cristianmarti

(from academia)

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