





DevOps Engineer

WHO AM I?

I deliver well-designed and robust software due to my passion for software craftsmanship. My strong analytical skills and ability to grasp new concepts quickly enable me excel at complex technical challenges.

Cloud & Infrastructure

Kubernetes • AWS • Terraform • Docker • Linux • GitHub Actions • FluxCD

Programming & Development

Java · Python · Go · PostgreSQL

EXPERIENCE

7/2024 - present

DevOps Engineer

OTTO Payments GmbH

As a DevOps Engineer at OTTO Payments, I am responsible for the development and maintenance of my team's cloud infrastructure, ensuring high availability and scalability of our payment services. Achievements include:

• Improving disaster recovery processes to reduce my team's RTO to 4 hours.

6/2022 - 6/2024

Consultant Developer

Thoughtworks Germany.

Software development and infrastructure work with several high-profile clients. Further application of skills developed in my studies including the development of DevOps skills. Achievements include:

- Creating a platform for scalable self-hosted Gitlab CI Runners at a large car manufacturer; aligning with teams to clarify product visions and remove roadblocks, and providing technical guidance.
- Designing and implementing disaster recovery processes for a payment provider, engineering quality assurance pipelines, and facilitating knowledge sharing through team workshops.

8/2018 - 3/2022

Dual Student

OTTO GmbH & Co. KG

Full-time work in a highly agile work environment. Despite being a student, I took part in real software development early on and substantially contributed to different parts of the company throughout my studies. Achievements include:

- Re-designing OTTO's payment matching process, utilizing innovative error-correcting checksums to reduce the amount of manual work required by over 30%.
- Getting hands-on programming experience and becoming proficient at Clean Code, CI/CD and a wide range of industry best practices.
- Building cloud-native microservices, based on an event-driven architecture, running in Kubernetes.

EDUCATION

2018 - 2022

B. Sc. Applied Computer Science

Nordakademie Hochschule der Wirtschaft

Bachelor's Thesis: "Usage of AI in Payment Matching: A comparison of traditional algorithmic approaches with Deep Learning".

VOLUNTEERING

2019 - 2020

Vice President of Talent Management, AIESEC in Hamburg

AIESEC Germany

During my time on the Executive Board of AIESEC in Hamburg, I was responsible for overseeing the quality of membership experience and ensuring performance. My achievements in my one-year term include:

- Analyzing recruitment pipeline conversion rates, I was able to innovate upon the way that
 we recruited people; my methods were later widely promoted and adopted across AIESEC
 in Germany.
- Beyond achieving a 200% year-on-year growth of people in our committee, I ensured high
 engagement throughout the Covid-1g-Pandemic, in an organization that thrives primarily on
 personal contact and travel.
- Despite not having any experience in people management, my work was recognized nationally, winning the Talent Management Award for performing best in a wide variety of KPIs across 30+ committees in Germany.

PERSONAL PROJECTS

My claim that I am passionate about software craftsmanship is not just a claim, but also reflected in my personal projects. All the projects below are open source and available on GitHub. They are primarily built for my own use, but always built and documented so that others can use them as well, and licensed under the permissive MIT License.

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grammr

A language learning toolkit aimed at systematic vocabulary acquisition. It enables users to translate words and phrases, get information on word morphology via state-of-the-art NLP models, and generate conjugation and declension tables for certain languages. Tables and translations can be saved as flashcards and synced over to Anki, a popular spaced repetition software.

You can try it out here.

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mood-tracker

A Telegram Bot built for tracking various customizable mental health metrics. Useful as a companion when working with a therapist or psychologist. Custom metrics can be tracked and graphed, uncovering patterns and correlations.

You can try it out here.

C

homelab

My job is also my hobby. Here you can find the full configuration for my multi-node Kubernetes Cluster running at home. It runs the projects above, as well as multiple other services. Get an overview over all the services I host here.

LANGUAGES

HOBBIES

German - native **English** - proficient

In my free time, I primarily partake in physical activities. I lift weights, run, swim, bike, hike. I play several musical instruments, sing, and occasionally produce a song or two. I've performed on a popular metal album as a session musician. I also enjoy playing chess.