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### Professional Experience

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#### DeepL (Cologne, Germany, Remote Position)

[deepl.com](https://deepl.com) is a freemium machine translation service with millions of unique daily users. My work focuses on leveraging user data for product optimization, for example AB testing or subscription prediction and churn prediction

#### Since 04/2021 Data Science Lead Data Analytics Platform

- Scaling the Product Data Science Team from 3 to 10 people and leading 5 Data Scientists across two teams
- Leading the development of our AB testing platform for the website and desktop apps - Ensuring code scalability and validity of statistical models and metrics (Python, SQL)
- Initiating and mentoring machine learning projects for churn prediction and subscription prediction
- Exploring variance reduction techniques for AB testing, e.g. CUPED
- Analysis for measuring campaign impacts for paid user acquisition (SEM and display campaigns)

10/2020 -  
03/2021

#### Senior Data Scientist Data Analytics Platform

- Designing and implementing data pipelines and statistical models for our AB testing platform (Python, SQL)
- Definition and implementation of business- and product-metrics (e.g. revenue, traffic growth, retention, user interaction metrics)
- Conceptualization and design of our data analytics infrastructure around scheduling data jobs, table design and data visualization

#### trivago (Düsseldorf, Germany)

[trivago.com](https://trivago.com) is a global hotel search platform. My roles focused on AB testing, anomaly detection, metrics definition, reporting, data infrastructure and later leading a team.

02/2020 -  
09/2020

#### Data Science Team Lead – Marketplace

- Team Lead for a data quality team (cleaning and merging external booking data) with leadership of a Data Scientist and a Data Engineer
- Development of anomaly detection algorithms based on time-series forecasting (PySpark, Pandas, fbprophet, Tensorflow, MLFlow)

01/2017 -  
01/2020

#### Data Scientist - Marketplace

- Development of a Bayesian statistics library for AB testing in Python
- Responsible Data Scientist for the customer facing tool `trivago Intelligence` (calculation and definition of metrics)
- Implementation and maintenance of various data pipelines (Hadoop, Hive, Oozie, PySpark)

08/2016 -  
12/2016

#### Junior Data Analyst - Sales

- Automated reporting to customers and account managers (Hive, Oozie, R Shiny)
- Various Business analyses (R, Apache Impala, MySQL)

## Intense AG (Cologne, Germany)

02/2016 -  
07/2016

### Junior Technical Consultant

- Technical consulting and project management around SAP

## University of Münster, Mathematical Institute (Münster, Germany)

08/2010 -  
06/2015

### Research Assistant / Postdoctoral Researcher

- Research in pure mathematics with focus on Differential Geometry
- Teaching tutorial classes and supporting students on their Bachelor theses and Seminar papers
- Talks at mathematics conferences and workshops

2008 - 2010

### Student assistant

- Leading tutorial classes for math students

## Education

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07/2014

### PhD in Mathematics at University of Münster

- Grade: 'Magna cum Laude'
- Field of research: Differential Geometry

07/2010

### Diploma in Mathematics at University of Münster

- Grade: A ("sehr gut (1.2)")
- Minor: Economics

## Data Science Skills and Tools

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### Data Science Skills:

- Data Exploration and Analysis (proficient)
- Statistical modeling and analysis (proficient)
- Python programming (proficient)
- Classical Machine Learning like linear or logistic regression and tree-based methods (proficient)
- Design and development of data pipelines (proficient)
- Deep Learning (basics)
- Best practices in Software Engineering (basics)

## Others

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**Languages:** German (native), English (fluent)

**Hobbies:** Chess, Piano, Running

Additionally, I spend some of my free time on data science competitions. While not being very competitive I learn a lot about forecasting, model tuning and some Deep Learning:

<https://www.kaggle.com/wspinkaggle>

**Publications:** For my list of mathematical publications, you can refer to <https://www.researchgate.net/scientific-contributions/Wolfgang-Spindeler-2088164834>