Intro
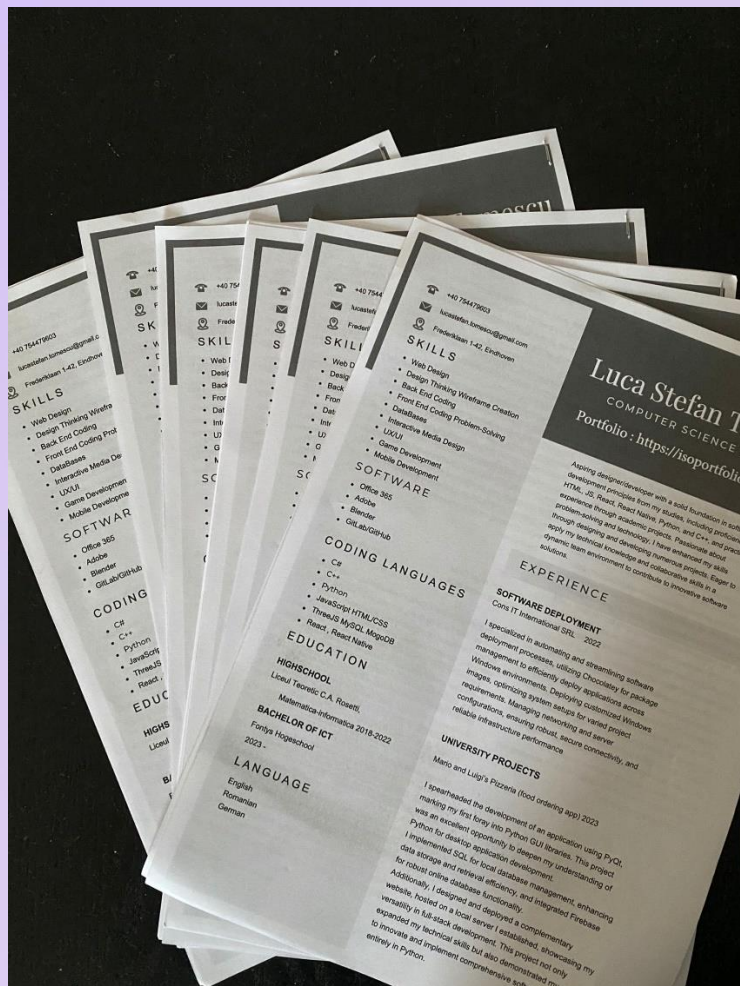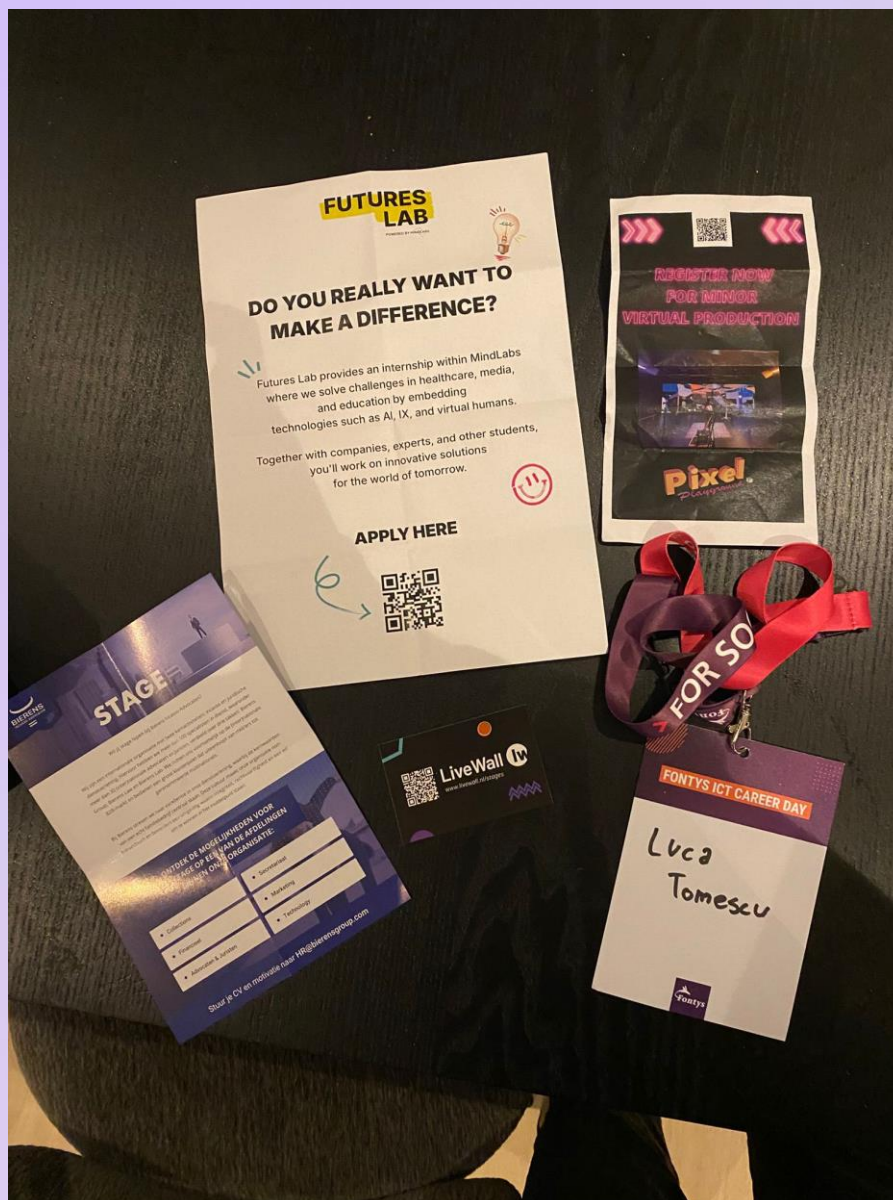
Since next semester I have to do my internship, I wanted to prepare my CV for Career Day and get some proper feedback on it. I didn't really know how to start or how a good CV should look, so I laid out my first version with my work experience, most of my university projects, and finally the work I did for Holleman (web design/development).

Once my CV was ready, I printed a few copies thinking I might hand them out during Career Day. Luckily, I didn't, and instead I just collected flyers from different companies I talked to, which ended up helping me understand more about what I actually want.

Process & Feedback

One of the companies that seemed the most interesting to me was LiveWall. They explained that they make interactive and playful digital experiences, like the small mini-games or interactive elements inside apps (for example the McDonald's app). That felt really creative and fun to me. Another interesting place was FutureLab, which seemed super open to experimentation. Someone there even showed a project he built himself: a 3D park playground for kids using special devices to interact with it. It showed me they value creativity and trying new technologies, which matches a lot with what I like doing.

A couple of days later I saw an announcement on the Internship Canvas that there would be a Q&A session the next week. Wanting to prepare for it, I started exploring Canvas for extra resources and found a CV checklist. Reading through it, I immediately noticed a lot of mistakes in my CV. So I started iterating. Using the example CV and the rules from the checklist, I made a much cleaner version. I also submitted it through the special CV-check link.

Feedback summary:

My CV looked good visually and explained my experience clearly, but it contained too much text. I needed to check which bullet points were relevant and remove the ones that didn't matter.

After this, I also wanted a teacher's feedback so I wouldn't cut the wrong information. The advice I received was similar: I was over-explaining and adding too much detail. Shorter, more focused bullet points would make the CV stronger.

With all this information, I refined my CV again. I cleaned up the skills section, moved my latest work experience to the first page, switched everything to reverse chronological order, and added more visual structure to avoid having two blank white pages.

Reflection

Improving my CV taught me a lot about my strengths and weaknesses. My strength is that I always want to show everything I did and explain it properly, but my weakness is that sometimes I add too much information and make things heavier than they need to be. This whole process showed me that being concise is also a skill, especially in a professional context.

I also realised how important feedback is for personal growth. Instead of just assuming my first version was fine, I actively looked for feedback from the CV checker and from a teacher. This helped me see what I could not see on my own, and it made me more confident in the result.

LINK: https://isoportfolio.vercel.app/pdfs/LSTCVv4.pdf