## Stefan Jens Zetzsche

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Languages Native German, Full Professional English, Elementary French

Programming Languages Python, Java, C, SQL, OCaml, Prolog, Dafny

## Education

2018-2022 University College London

PhD Computer Science Supervisor: Alexandra Silva

**Background:** 'Automata learning' aims to *automatically* infer a mathematical model capturing all relevant properties of a system by observing its behaviour. The incremental approach has been successfully applied to a wide range of tasks in industrial applications, targeting productive, tested, secure, large-scale systems. My research focuses on identifying size-minimal target models and optimizing learning algorithms for specific domains. I have implemented several algorithms in the functional language 'Ocaml'. I have published (Mfps), volunteered, and mentored at top tier computer science conferences (Popl, Splash, Cav, Pldi).

2016-2018 University of Hamburg

**MSc Mathematics** (Overall: 1.0 Distinction, Thesis: 1.0 First Class Honours)

2014-2016 University of Hamburg

**BSc Mathematics and Computer Science** (Thesis: 1.0 First Class Honours) Courses in: Python, Java, C, Prolog, Statistics, Analysis, Probability Theory

## **Internships**

July-Sep 2022 Meta (Facebook)

(scheduled) **Supervisor:** Andrew Kennedy

*Background:* During the internship I will be working on the design of the 'Hack' programming language. Facebook's web codebase currently contains more than 100 million lines of Hack code, and changes thousands of times per day. 'Hack' has its origins in 'PHP' but is evolving rapidly, most notably by adding a sophisticated type system. The team works mainly in 'OCaml' and 'Rust'.

Aug-Nov 2021 Amazon (AWS)

Supervisor: Rustan Leino

**Background:** I have been part of the Automated Reasoning Group, which uses mathematical logic to build tools that provide Amazon Web Service (AWS) customers with provable security. For example, AWS uses cloud models to verify whether or not access controls meet governance rules and whether networks are properly secured. While testing and debugging project the correctness of a program for most inputs, mathematical logic ensures the correctness for all inputs. During the internship, I have implemented a fully-verified quantum circuit optimizer. The project has been in collaboration with the 'Braket' team, AWS's quantum service.

## **Teaching**

University College London Python '20 • Logic and Database '21 • Discrete Mathematics for Computer

Scientists '19, '20, '21 • Computability and Complexity '21 •

Theory of Computation '20

University of Hamburg Analysis I '17 • Linear Algebra and Analytic Geometry I & II '16

**Publications** 

Prints Canonical Automata via Distributive Law Homomorphisms, Mfps 2021

Preprints Guarded Kleene Algebra with Tests: Automata Learning, 2022

Generators and Bases for Monadic Closures, 2022

Generalised Duality Theory for Monoidal Categories and Applications, 2018

Isomorphism Classes of Vertex-Transitive Tournaments, 2016