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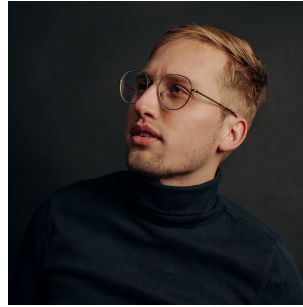
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WHO AM I?

I'm an idealistic nerd with a passion for life. As an all-round web adventurer and driven entrepreneur with an affinity for security and AI, I have extensive experience in all areas related to 'World 3.0,' and have worked with clients from all facets of society. As an active participant in societal debate, I got acquainted with politics and dealing with media.

While back home I enjoy the luxury of tweaking and hacking on my laptop, I also have a lust for traveling to extraordinary and controversial places like (post-)war zones and remote regions. Doing so, while mostly hitchhiking and often having to illegally cross borders and enjoy the support of privileged locals, I have **reported** on chemical dumps, child prostitution, corruption and outright poverty. I am especially inspired by the former Soviet region, and, through academic study and extensive travels across most CIS countries, I have developed a solid understanding of their contemporary societies, histories, literatures and cultures.



EXPERIENCE

2009 – now

Full stack software developer, IT security specialist and marketer

Turn Blue

Mostly through my own company, I have elaborated many self-run projects, acquired administrative skills, set up revenue-generating websites with thousands of daily unique visitors, and developed software for hundreds of clients; among which high schools, farms, driving schools, fence companies, marketing agencies, bookstores, estate agents, entertainment companies and many more. Through my entire career, on different occasions, I made several newspapers (and once the opening television item on Dutch national news broadcaster NOS) by white-hat hacking actions.

PHP / Python / JS / MariaDB / VB / CSS / HTML

2020

internship

Software developer, translator, consultant

Netherlands Institute in Saint Petersburg

In this international collaboration I have developed advanced online (Russian) course software and played a key role in the entire process from idea to product.

2017

voluntary

Candidate Member of Parliament

Tweede Kamer der Staten-Generaal

During the time when I stood candidate for national parliament in the Netherlands, I have participated in many on-stage political debates, made media appearances, and have generally been involved in the movements of a political party during time of campaign. Decisive factors for placement were my developed ideas on liquid democracy in a digital society.

2016

internship

Software developer

Netherlands Aerospace Centre

I completed an artificial intelligence project commissioned by the Dutch Department of Defence.

C#

Unspecified

Miscellaneous

Mainly for the chance to see more sides of society, I have taken part in different short-term activities such as teaching English abroad, charity work in **Transnistria**, voluntary work for elderly, random work through temporary employment agency Randstad, social placement programmes, etc.

EDUCATION

2021 – 2023

Master's Degree of Arts in Russian and Eurasian Studies

University Leiden

Currently in process

2020 – 2023

Master's Degree of Science in Artificial Intelligence

University of Amsterdam

Currently in process

2017 – 2021

Bachelor's Degree of Arts in Russian and Slavic studies

University of Amsterdam

Thesis (8.6/10): *How to measure change? An assessment of available Russian language corpora. Involving a case study: the competition between nominative and instrumental case in predicate constructions with byt'.*

2014 – 2020

Bachelor's Degree of Science in Artificial Intelligence

University of Amsterdam

Thesis (8.0/10): *An approach of solving early phase multiplayer No-Limit Hold'em poker using empirical Bayesian statistics and vector spaces*

2007 – 2014

Pre-university education (VWO)

Gertrudiscollege

I graduated high school at the highest level in the Dutch secondary educational system.

LANGUAGES

Dutch - native
English - proficient
Russian - advanced
German - rudimentary

HOBBIES

Programming, poker, philosophy, (underground-)themed bars, off the beaten track travel, Russian literature, writing, arthouse cinema

COOL FACT

I have hitchhiked for a month in winter through Yakutia (in -40°!), met indigenous people and stayed overnight with Russian police