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🔗 Python Trainer, Engineer & Evangelist

## 📁 WORK EXPERIENCES

- Since March 2023** Senior Software Engineer (Python, Fedora, PG, MySQL) Amsterdam – Netherlands  
+ In **Aiven**'s Product team responsible for PostgreSQL / MySQL.
- Feb. 2022 - Feb. 2023 Software Engineer (Python, FastAPI, Docker, Hiring) Amsterdam – Netherlands  
+ In **Picnic**'s Python Platform (Middleware), creation of libraries, tools, and processes.  
+ Within the hiring team, I interviewed, reviewed and hired Python talents, and greatly improved the hiring process.
- April 2021 - Dec. 2021 PM & Senior Software Engineer (Py, PHP, n8n, R-Pi, Bubble) Kitakyūshū – Japan  
+ Project Manager for SaaS platform for coworking spaces for **HOA**. Product design, DB tuning & Backend workflows. Process analysis, productivity assessment, training, consulting and B2B Tools (Slack, Jira, Confluence).  
+ Facial recognition project in IoT (Raspberry Pi, Python, ThingsBoard, MQTT).
- Feb. 2018 - May 2019 DevOps (Python, Jenkins, Groovy, GCP, PowerShell, Docker) Ghent – Belgium  
Promotion of software quality across **Around Media**.  
+ Jenkins & Google CP to pipeline 1200+ UE4 builds, releases, migration of assets, VM backups & cloning.  
+ Creation of <https://github.com/Mulugruntz/jam> to save 500€+ / GCE instance monthly.
- April 2017 - Jan. 2018 Software Engineer (Python, Django, MariaDB, Postgres, Docker) Hasselt – Belgium  
MVP Developer for **Unleashed** (mobile telco) in a Kanban + Squad environment.
- Since July 2016** Independent Python Contractor Nice Area – France  
+ Private financial market project. Python & Django missions. Python trainer for **AlterWay**, St Cloud, France.
- Feb. 2016 - June 2016 IT Executive (Java, Python, R-Pi, Linux) Nice Area – France  
Lightning Project for **PwC** (IoT & B2B, Raspberry Pi), through SII. Creation of :  
+ Generic persistence layer, called in REST and its Json implementation. Java / ServiceMix / Karaf.  
+ System Watchdog taking XMPP commands with a module-defined grammar. Python / Shell/ smx / init.d.  
+ Python (eg. DTMF & Morse Code wrapping SoX) and Front (HTML, Bootstrap & uikit, Angular 1.5).
- Nov. 2015 - Feb. 2016 IT Engineer (PHP, Java, C++, Linux) Nice Area – France  
Classified project for **Airbus D&S**, through Antyas. It involved, among others, SPOT satellites' image processing.
- Oct. 2012 - July 2015 IT Engineer (C++, Python, Sqlite, Oracle) Nice Area – France  
In Data Replication team within **Amadeus**' Middleware department. Mainly focused on R&D, I worked on:  
+ designing new solutions to improve overall performance (network, database, algorithms).  
+ data replication over thousands of nodes. The type of data is either static or extremely dynamic.  
+ designing and implementing abstract types for consistency and bridge Oracle  $\rightleftharpoons$  C++  $\rightleftharpoons$  Sqlite  $\rightleftharpoons$  Python.  
+ various scripts to prototype or automatize tasks: storage / retrieval / backup / cleanup after each build...  
+ exporting data from our caches into two iterations of XMLs, generating XSLTs and XSDs from meta-XSLTs. This design allowed us to publish XML data into past and present schema versions.  
+ designed and implemented modified Hepburn algorithm for Japanese transliteration.  
+ decommissioned legacy terminal entries from IBM TPF system into Amadeus' new C++ architecture: OBE.
- May 2012 - Aug. 2012 MSc Dissertation (Python/Django, JS, HTML5/CSS3, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X) Edinburgh – Scotland
- Summer 2011 Freelance (PHP, JS, HTML5/CSS3) Montauban – France  
Creation of the website [www.qualigraphe.com](http://www.qualigraphe.com), and of its custom modular CMS. Visuals provided by the client.
- Oct. 2010 - May 2011 Honours Project (PHP, JS, HTML/CSS) Aberdeen – Scotland
- Feb. - May 2009 Observation placement in Middle School (Technology) Montauban – France
- June - Aug. 2008 Internship (PHP, JS, HTML/CSS) Toulouse – France
- Oct. - Nov. 2007 IT Maintenance for **CROUS de Toulouse** (public establishment) Toulouse – France

## SKILLS

### Languages

- + **French:** native, **English:** bilingual, **Spanish:** ≈B1, **Dutch:** ≈A2, **Japanese:** ≈A1

### Computer

- + **Concepts:** Architecture, Multimedia, Security, Relational Databases, Distributed & Advanced Databases, High-Performance Computing, Object-Oriented, Complexity, Hadoop, Continuous Integration / Deployment
- + **Software:** Oracle, PyCharm, Eclipse, Xcode, PDB, GDB, Valgrind, Adobe (Dw, Ps, Sb, Fl), git, Jenkins
- + **Languages:** **Python**, FastAPI, Django, **C/C++**, Linux BASH, MySQL, SQLite, **Oracle PL/SQL**, EdgeDB, Objective-C (iOS), JAVA, ARM, OpenGL (Glut), L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, JS, jQuery, PHP, HTML/CSS, Bubble.io

### Leadership

- + Elected twice as President of ASSERP, the Student Association in Ponsan-Bellevue (Toulouse – France). I coordinated the management of over ten societies, each with their own president
- + Head Judge for the international game *Magic: The Gathering* in Nice – France
- + Lead several group projects to their completion and success

### Communication

- + In Amadeus, supervised interns for three months on Django and for six months on Node.js / Aria Template.
- + Judge for *MTG*. Most of the tournaments had over 120 players and last for over 14 hours
- + Worked as part of customer facing teams in Pizzerias, Restaurants, Tea house
- + Led training courses for students in school: Technology in Middle School, Montauban – France
- + Led campus tours at RGU, Aberdeen – Scotland

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- April 18, 2018 Python Challenge Europe 2018 **Winner Pro** (by Cisco, EDITx, ECAM)
- July 15, 2011 Graduated as **Valedictorian** 2010-2011
- July 1, 2011 Awarded the **Nexen Prize** for the highest academic achievement

## EDUCATION

- 2011 - 2012 MSc Computer Science University of Edinburgh – Scotland
  - + **MSc Computer Science with Distinction** in Computer Systems, Software Engr. and High Perf. Computing
- 2009 - 2011 BSc (Hons) Computer Science Robert Gordon University – Scotland
  - + **First-class Bachelor with Honours** in Computing for Internet and Multimedia
- 2008 - 2009 Licence 3 Informatique Fondamentale Toulouse III (Université Paul Sabatier) – France
  - + Equivalent: third year of BSc, Fundamentals in Computer Science
- 2007 - 2008 **DUT Informatique** (equiv. HND Computing) IUT “A” – Toulouse III – France
  - + Two-year University degree in Computer Science, in one intensive year (called “Année Spéciale”)
- 2006 - 2007 CPGE TSI Lycée Jean-Baptiste Dumas – Alès – France
  - + Preparation for national competitive French “Grandes Écoles”, specializing in Mathematics and Physics
- 2006 Baccalauréat (equiv. A-Levels), in Electronics Lycée Antoine Bourdelle – Montauban – France
  - + **Bac STI Génie Électronique mention Bien** (top 10%, ~ with Honours)

## MISCELLANEOUS

- French driving license
- TOEFL iBT** (June 25, 2011): **107/120** (Reading 23/30, Listening 27/30, Speaking 29/30, Writing 28/30)

## HOBBIES

- Dev, weightlifting (5 years), Go, MahJong MCR, boardgames, traveling, baking, hitchhiking, cultural exchanges

## REFEREES

- Professor Fan Wenfei [wenfei-at-inf.ed.ac.uk](mailto:wenfei-at-inf.ed.ac.uk) <http://homepages.inf.ed.ac.uk/wenfei>
- Dr. Niccolo Capanni [niccolo-at-capanni.co.uk](mailto:niccolo-at-capanni.co.uk) <http://www.linkedin.com/in/capanni>