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In short

Education

Msc Information Systems
BA Communication and
    Information Sciences
Minor Interactive and
    Creative Media
    Technology

Work experience

Founded commercom in
2016
Several TA positions in
Discourse Analysis and
Textual Communication

Language proficiency

Dutch (mother tongue)
⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

English
⭐⭐⭐⭐

French, German, Spanish,
Italian
⭐⭐

Skills

Adobe Creative Cloud
Microsoft Office
Statistics (SPSS)
Transcription (Transana &
ELAN)
Python
HTML
CSS
Javascript

Education

September 2018 - June 2019

MSc Information Studies - Information Systems

University of Amsterdam

During this master, I learned about systems and how they can be improved, both from the user's point of view, and the developer's point of view. I chose Applied Machine Learning as an elective to get to know this relatively new field of computer science, and The Social Web to develop the technical skills on top of my bachelor's knowledge.

Thesis: Intonation in robot speech: Does it work the same as with people?

September 2014 - June 2018

BA Communication and Information Sciences

VU Amsterdam

Besides a solid basis of academic skills in both Dutch and English, I learned about linguistics, communication theories (both old and new), journalism, and social media. The latter was the main subject of my last year, where I chose the track Media Analysis. I also did an extra-curriculair course in Spanish.

Thesis: Newsjacking on social media: When is a newsjacker successful on Facebook and why? (in Dutch)

September 2016 - February 2017

Minor Interactive and Creative Media Technology

University of Amsterdam

During my bachelor I also did a minor at the UvA to learn the basics of programming (mainly Python and web development) and to start understanding the computer part within communication.

Personality

Traits

Focussed
Ambitious
Independent
Communicative
Transparent

In my free time I'm...

Baking cakes
Getting creative
Reading books
Watching series
Learning more about
language

Work experience

📅 *08-07-2019 - 02-08-2019*
🏢 eNTERFACE @Bilkent University, Ankara
💼 Developer of Dialogue Management System

During eNTERFACE 2019 I was part of a team that created a modular application for Cozmo (a small robot), which is open-source, based on Python and JSON. The idea is that people can switch modules for their own and it is not dependent on Cozmo, so it can also be used for other agents. I was responsible for the dialogue management part, which was done using the Rasa library.
(for more information: http://web3.bilkent.edu.tr/enterface19)

📅 *August 2019 - September 2019*
🏢 Utrecht University
💼 Teacher's Assistant in HCI Research

I helped Paweł Woźniak with his research on fitness trackers, handsfree biking and running. My responsibilities were collecting data, annotating data, writing (pieces of) papers, making figures for the papers. We submitted the work to CHI2020.

📅 *March 2017 - May 2017*
January 2018 - February 2018
March 2018 - May 2018
🏢 VU Amsterdam
💼 Teacher's Assistant Discourse Analysis and Textual Communication

I reviewed transcripts and assignments of first-year CIW students and premaster students, who took the course Discourse Analysis. Since I had taken this course myself in 2016, I knew what was asked of the students. I also helped another teacher at the beginning of 2018 with transcribing interviews for her research on texts on prescripted medication. During my time helping the teacher, I discovered that I would like to teach myself some day.

Language proficiency

Dutch:	English:	French, German, Spanish, Italian:
Native	Fluent	basic proficiency

Skills

Adobe Illustrator, InDesign	★★★★★
Adobe Photoshop, PremierePro	★★★★
Microsoft Office	★★★★★
Transcribing	★★★★★
Statistics	★★★★
Python	★★★★
HTML	★★★★
CSS	★★★★
Javascript	★★★
PHP	★★

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