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SUMMARY

Outgoing full stack developer, product owner and serial entrepreneur with a unique combination of technology, business and creative skills. I lead and work with teams to solve complex problems and outsmart the competition together – never losing sight of the big picture.

EXPERIENCE

Trainee Full-Stack Development

neuefische – School and pool for digital talent

Hamburg, Germany

September 2020 – December 2020

- Full-time intensive bootcamp in full stack development
- 720h of programming practice with self-development of a web app as final project
- Tech Stack: Java , Maven , Spring Web , Spring Security , JWT , JUnit , MongoDB , JavaScript , React , Styled-Components , Google Maps API , Docker , Git
- Built my own web app „Spotown” within the last 4 weeks as the final project

Co-Founder & Chief Product Officer

Cutnut – SaaS Platform

Hamburg, Germany

September 2015 – August 2020

- Designed UX/UI of mobile apps, desktop software and web interfaces
- Developed product strategy and led 10+ developers to product delivery
- Modeled and planned platform architecture and software features
- Assured quality of new feature implementations and bug fixing
- Created pitch decks, website and info materials for investors and clients
- Presented to 1000+ people audiences

Co-Founder & Product Owner

Storypepper – SaaS Platform

Hamburg, Germany

March 2020 – August 2020

- Founded out of a project funded by the Google DNI Fund in 2019
- Modelled the API service's architecture and core components
- Developed product strategy and led developer team
- Designed UX/UI web interface for the API service

Freelancer – (Digital Media)

Self-employed digital freelancer

Internationally

June 2013 – September 2018

- Production of professional video/photo content for private and commercial purposes
- Creation of professional graphic designs and branding strategies
- Design and development of professional websites and apps
- Project management of various projects across Europe

EDUCATION

B.Sc. in Business Administration

ie University - GPA: 8.66/10

Madrid/Segovia, Spain

September 2013 - July 2017

- Top 10% of class, Dean's List
- Awarded Best Dissertation 2017 – "How privacy concerns affect firms' monetization strategy"
- ie Scholarship covering 40% of the tuition fees

B.Sc. in Business Administration

Cornell University - GPA: 9.2/10

Ithaca, NY, USA

August 2016 – December 2016

- Top 10% of class, Dean's List of Fall 2016
- Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management

SKILLS

- **Tech Stack:** Java , Maven , Spring Web , Spring Security , JWT , JUnit , MongoDB , JavaScript , React , Styled-Components , Google Maps API , Docker , Git
- **UI/UX/Design:** Sketch, Adobe Creative Suite, InVision, Figma with over 7 years of experience
- **Photographer and videographer** with over 12 years of experience
- **German** (Native). **English** (Fluent). Spanish (Intermediate). French (Basic)

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Forbes 30 Under 30:** In the category "Media & Marketing Europe" for 2019
- **Google DNI Grant:** Our startup has been awarded project funding by the Google News Initiative
- **Best Dissertation:** Best Bachelor Thesis out of 800+ fellow students of my graduating year 2017
- **Dean's Lists:** Honor for graduating amongst the top 10% of ie University and Cornell University
- **ie Scholarship:** By the IE Foundation for my commitment to ie's academics and community.

THINGS I LOVE

- **Gap Year:** Work & Travel in New Zealand from September 2012 until June 2013
- **Volunteering:** Mentor for first year students, summer volunteer for local church and kindergarten
- **Cycling:** Crossed the alps on my vintage bike in 5 days
- **Cooking:** Wanted to become a chef once and made it one of my biggest passions