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## Technical skills

**Languages** C (GNU, ANSI), shell (Bash, POSIX), sed, Python, R, Ruby (incl. Rails), HTML/CSS/JavaScript, Java, C++, PHP, Go

**Development tools** GNU toolchain (autotools, GCC, GDB, Gprof), cross-compilation, GNU make, clang, version control (Git, Subversion, CVS), Android, Pebble, misc. tools (strace/ktrace+kdump, Valgrind, ElectricFence/DUMA)

**Software engineering** Test-driven development, continuous integration (Jenkins), Agile methods, UML

**Operating Systems** UNIX; mainly (GNU/)Linux (Debian and derivatives, ArchLinux, Slackware, RedHat and derivatives) and BSDs (Open, Free)

**Networks** IPv4/v6 ([Hurricane Electric Sage level certification](#)), 802.11, standard network protocol stack (TCP/IP, DNS, DHCP, HTTP, etc.) and routing (Quagga)

**Tools** Web: Apache, Nginx; Virtualisation: QEMU, OpenStack; DevOp: Ansible, Salt, Vagrant, Docker, Amazon Web Services

**Data representation and management** XML/XSL, SQL (SQLite, PostgreSQL, MySQL), Hadoop

**Artificial Intelligence** Neural networks, genetic algorithms, agent-based systems

## Professional experience

Since 2016  
≥ 1 year

**Senior Software Engineer** — [Learnosity](#), Sydney, NSW

In the Analytics Scrum team, I develop and maintain backend systems code and internal development tools. My key focus is on

- HTTP API for data access (PHP, My/PostgreSQL)
- backoffice services (PHP, Go, SQS, Kinesis)
- analytics services (Go, Redshift)
- development platform (Linux, Python)

My activity also involves

- general code improvement (refactoring, new implementations and test patterns)
- knowledge transfer (code review, seminars, mentoring)

*Technologies: PHP, Go, Python, Linux, Vagrant, Salt, HTML/JavaScript, Amazon Web Services*

2011–2016  
4 years,  
8 months

**Researcher** — [NICTA \(National ICT Australia\)](#), Sydney, NSW

**Security and Privacy** I was one of the principal investigators on the [Ananalytix project](#), in collaboration, amongst others, with a large telecommunications operator. The aim was to develop database de-identification methods that provide strong guarantees on the impossibility of re-identification while preserving as much utility as possible for downstream analytics. Ultimately, this would allow to perform big data analytics while ensuring compliance with privacy laws and regulations.

My focus was on porting those algorithms to a Spark/Hadoop environment, and build a SaaS platform. I led the engineering effort towards this goal, building the platform, improving or porting existing code, and creating the continuous delivery pipeline.

Prior to this, I collaborated on security-testing a framework for privacy-leak protection on Android (TaintDroid), and [identified several flaws through which it could be bypassed](#). I also worked on a project aiming to identify common security flaws of IoT devices, and provide a network-managed protection solution.

*Technologies: R, Java, Spark, Hadoop, C, Jenkins, Vagrant, Docker, Ansible, PostgreSQL, Android*

**Platforms for Experimental Measurement** I was (2011–2015) the maintainer of the [OML instrumentation and reporting library](#), of which I have greatly improved the code quality as well as related delivery processes. This tool is widely adopted for testbed-based experimental research, and I was directly involved with the [GIMI](#) (NSF) and [Fed4FIRE](#) (EC FP7) projects using this library. It is also a fundamental part of the [IREEL e-learning platform](#), which has been used by various universities (USyd, UWS and UNSW) to teach network courses.

*Technologies: C, UNIX, autotools, GDB, Git, Valgrind, ArchLinux, Debian, RedHat, Python, Ruby, SQLite, PostgreSQL, OpenStack*

**Performance of Network Protocols** I also followed up with the research on the optimisation of the quality of experience (QoE) of multi-homed mobile devices that I started during my doctoral studies. Parts of this work was been done in collaboration and integrated within the [SAIL](#) EC FP7 project.

I have continued to work on transport protocols, particularly on long-delay links, and less than best-effort algorithms. This led me to a focus on active queue management (AQM) as a way to address issues caused by over-sized buffer in routers (BufferBloat), as well as multipath protocols.

I am also exploring the feasibility of layer-4 packet switching and multipath scheduling in SDN.

*Technologies: C, Linux, IPv4, TCP, Android, Python, ns-2, TCL*

Finally, in this position, I have supervised two Master students, several student projects (both graduate and undergraduate), and have informally co-supervised two late-stage Doctoral students. I have also [published more than 30 research papers in peer-reviewed venues](#).

2015  
4 months

**Sessional lecturer** — [School of Electrical and Information Engineering](#), [University of Sydney](#), NSW

*Course: Data Communications and the Internet (ELEC3506/9506)*

Awarded a Faculty Teaching Commendation based on the outcome of the student satisfaction Survey

*Technologies: TCP, IPv4, IPv6, 802.11, HTTP, DNS, DHCP, routing, QoS*

2008–2011  
3 years,  
8 months

**PhD research** — [Network Research Group](#), [NICTA \(National ICT Australia\)](#), Sydney, NSW / [Imara project-team](#), [Inria](#), Rocquencourt, France

My PhD aimed to solve communications issues raising from highly mobile environments. Typical use-cases, from vehicular networks to hand-held devices, are exposed to an ever-changing set of wireless connectivity options to use, with no clear choice, or combination thereof. This led me to propose a loosely-coupled cross-layer architecture aiming to control the MAC/PHY, network and transport layer protocols in a way which would improve application quality metrics by specifically matching application requirements and networks' characteristics.

As part of this work, I gained a thorough understanding of the state of the art of the networking stack, particularly at the network and transport layers, as well as knowledge and participation to current research efforts to improve or replace this paradigm.

I also got very familiar with experimental research in general, and the problems of reproducible experiments in network and telecommunications. This led me to specifically study problems of accurate and precise measurement of phenomena in networked systems, and allowed me to provide a solid backbone observation mechanism of my cross-layer architecture.

My thesis resulted in the publication of 9 research papers, as well as various pieces of software (*ns-2* modules, software instrumentation, patches).

*Technologies: C, Linux, IPv6, IPv4, TCP, 802.11, HTTP, Python, ns-2, TCL*

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| 2006–2008<br>1 year,<br>4 months | <p><b>Expert engineer</b> — <a href="#">Imara project-team</a>, <a href="#">Inria</a>, Rocquencourt, France</p> <p><i>Network mobility/IPv6</i></p> <p>While communication was abstracted away from my MSc thesis problem (see below), the obvious future step of implementing the algorithm in a real system led me to take on a further engineering role within the IMARA team. This role led me to take charge of the technical coordination of the experimental platforms for the <a href="#">Com2REACT</a> EC FP7 project. The position involved the following responsibilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance of an embedded vehicular router Linux system</li> <li>• Design and maintenance of a <a href="#">vehicular ad hoc network (VANET)</a></li> <li>• Design and implementation of an <a href="#">IPv6 mobility testbed</a></li> </ul> <p>I also designed and built a wiki-based knowledge management system for the <a href="#">LaRA</a> joint-research unit, allowing to match hardware platforms and people's skills across three research labs. This solution also allowed for a much better coordination and record-keeping of work being done and domain knowledge being acquired or created.</p> <p><i>Technologies: IPv6, IPv4, 802.11, DNS, DHCP, Apache, GNU/Linux, OpenBSD, Quagga PHP,</i></p> |
| 2006<br>6 months                 | <p><b>MSc intern</b> — <a href="#">Imara project-team</a>, <a href="#">Inria</a>, Rocquencourt, France</p> <p>My Master's thesis focused on <a href="#">determining collision-free schedules</a> for a fleet of automated vehicles to safely pass a crossroads. This work included the design of a new spatio-temporal reservation algorithm, its implementation in an <i>ad hoc</i> simulator, and an evaluation of its efficacy. This resulted in the publication of a paper describing the algorithm and its evaluation and its presentation at an international conference.</p> <p><i>Technologies: Python</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

## Education

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| 2011 | <p><b>PhD in Computer Science</b> — <a href="#">Centre for Robotics</a>, <a href="#">Mines ParisTech</a>, Paris, France / <a href="#">School of Electrical Engineering and Telecommunications</a>, <a href="#">University of New South Wales</a>, Sydney, NSW</p> <p><i>Thesis title: Contributions to Mechanisms for Adaptive Use of Mobile Network Resources</i></p> |
| 2007 | <p><b>MSc in Complex Adaptive Systems</b> — <a href="#">Chalmers Tekniska Högskola</a>, Gothenburg, Sweden</p> <p><i>Thesis title: Mesoscopic Management of a Fleet of Cybercars at a Crossroads</i></p>                                                                                                                                                               |
| 2007 | <p><b>MSc in Computer Science</b> — <a href="#">UTC (Université de Technologie de Compiègne)</a>, Compiègne, France</p> <p><i>Major: Systems and Networks</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

## Other Involvements and Projects

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| Since 2001<br>≥17 years | <p><b>Involvement with the Free software community</b></p> <p>Various contributions to several projects such as <a href="#">gpsd</a>, <a href="#">Gajim</a> and <a href="#">multiple Unix distributions</a>, and other personal projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-hosted repositories: <a href="https://scm.narf.ssji.net/git">https://scm.narf.ssji.net/git</a></li> <li>• Contributions on GitHub: <a href="https://github.com/shtrom">https://github.com/shtrom</a></li> </ul> <p><i>Technologies: C, Bash, Python, Java, Ruby, GNU/Linux, OpenBSD, Git, Subversion, CVS</i></p> |
| Since 2007<br>≥10 years | <p><b>Self-hosted server management</b></p> <p>I am hosting most of the Internet services I use on a dedicated OpenBSD server.</p> <p><i>Technologies: Bash, Apache, Nginx, DNS, GNU/Linux, OpenBSD, Git, Subversion, IPv4, IPv6</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 2013                    | <p><b>Volunteer scientist</b> — <a href="#">SMiS (Scientists and Mathematicians in Schools)</a>, <a href="#">CSIRO (Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation)</a></p> <p>Regular introductory workshops on scientific concepts for school-aged children</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

## Languages

**French** native speaker  
**English** fluent (IELTS: 8.5/9, 10+ years in Australia)  
**Spanish** practical level

## Academic duties

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| 2013–2017<br>4 years,<br>10 months | <b>Various roles</b> — <a href="#">IEEE LCN</a><br><i>TPC member, Local organisation co-chair (2013), Publicity co-chair (2014, 2017), Demo chair (2015), Workshops chair (2016)</i> |
| Since 2016<br>≥ 1 year             | <b>TPC member</b> — <a href="#">TMA (Network Traffic Measurement and Analysis Conference)</a>                                                                                        |
| 2013–2016<br>3 years,<br>9 months  | <b>TPC member</b> — <a href="#">WNM (Workshop on Network Measurements)</a> , <a href="#">IEEE LCN</a>                                                                                |

## Miscellaneous activities

- Co-founder and organiser of the [Free Software Sydney meet-up group](#)
- Assurer for Web-of-Trust-driven certificate authority [CAcert](#)
- Member of the [G6/TFF French IPv6 taskforce](#)
- Australian Amateur Radio License (advanced, call sign [VK2SHM](#))