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Profile

I am currently pursuing a **B.S. in Informatics at USI - University of Lugano, Switzerland**. I plan to graduate in June 2018. I have experience in creating and shipping 20+ apps to the App Store, for both personal and client projects. My main focus is iOS, watchOS and tvOS development and I also have some experience in Web and Android development.

Experience

- SCANDIT, SOFTWARE ENGINEER — REMOTE — JANUARY 2017 - JUNE 2017

I worked part-time remotely with the Flow team to create, architect and test various features in many iOS projects. I also contributed by fixing bugs in the existing Swift codebases and documentation.

- BCG DIGITAL VENTURES - COUP GMBH, iOS ENGINEERING INTERN — BERLIN — JULY 2016 - SEPTEMBER 2016

I helped building and shipping the Coup iOS app that allows customers to use the e-scooter sharing service in Berlin. I worked closely with designers and backend developers to complete many UI features.

- REALM, iOS FREELANCER — REMOTE — JULY 2016 - AUGUST 2016

After developing an open source solution to watch videos hosted by Realm on any iOS device, Realm contacted me to further work on the concept with them.

- FIFA TMS, iOS ENGINEERING INTERN — ZURICH — JULY 2015 - SEPTEMBER 2015

I helped creating the GPX iOS app which is a communication and pre-transfer platform for the football industry.

Awards

- APPLE WORLDWIDE DEVELOPERS CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP (WWDC) — SILICON VALLEY — 2014 & 2015 & 2017

Apple awarded me with a conference ticket to attend the annual conference about the newest Apple technologies in San Francisco/San Jose thanks to my demonstrated skills.

- PEBBLE DEVELOPER RETREAT INVITATION AND SPONSORING — MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA — 2014

Thanks to my successful Pebble applications, I was invited to attend the first Pebble developer conference.

Personal Projects

- SECRETLY MESSAGING — APP STORE — 2016

Send secret messages in iOS 10 with the new iMessage APIs. Use Touch ID or a passcode to authenticate.

- NOTES FOR WATCH — APP STORE — 2015

Easy and beautiful notes app for the Apple Watch. Write notes on the iPhone or dictate them on your watch.

- WEIGHT TRACKER — APP STORE — 2015

Track your weight easily and see its trend. Data are synced with the Health app. Featured in the App Store category 20 best apps by developers under 20.

- MINUTO — APP STORE — 2015

I worked closely with a client to develop and design an iOS app with a JavaScript backend component for a new food ordering service.

- NOTES FOR PEBBLE & CONTACTS FOR PEBBLE — APP STORE — 2014

I created two Pebble applications to store notes and important contacts on the Pebble smartwatch.

- EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS — APP STORE — ANDROID — 2013-2016

I collected data and developed a free lifesaving app to keep emergency phone numbers of over 130 countries in your pocket. I developed the Android version and rewrote the API in Swift in 2016.

Skills & Hobbies

- Experience in developing iOS, watchOS and tvOS applications with both Swift and Objective-C.
- Experience with HTML, CSS, JavaScript, C and Java in personal projects.
- Actively contributing to open source projects like ParticlesLoadingView, ValueStepper and RealmVideo.
- Member of the Swiss Mobile Developers Association. I co-organized App Builders 2016/2017 and The Swift Alps which took place in Switzerland. Both were featured in the Top 10 conferences to attend by Ray Wenderlich.
- In my spare time I like listening to EDM music and playing floorball.