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Experience

DEVELOPER, EKSTRA BLADET RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, DECEMBER 2009 - PRESENT. Acquiring hard-to-get datasets for use in reporting and building websites that involve and engage more than 1 million readers. At Ekstra Bladet I've contributed to several cover-stories, I built a Facebook Open-Graph/semantic-web integration that Facebook considers a textbook implementation and I have consolidated print- and online content for digital distribution.

BOOK, "STATE OF THE EU UNION — GOVERNMENT 2.0 AND ONWARDS", AUGUST 2009. Co-wrote (with Tim O'Reilly, David Weinberger, Don Tapscott et al.) book about eGovernment and Democracy 2.0.

FOUNDER, FOLKETS TING (LITT. "PEOPLE'S PARLIAMENT"), MARCH 2009 - PRESENT. Making Danish parliament speeches, votes and laws available for public scrutiny and debate. folketsting.dk has had 100.000+ visits and has been covered in national Danish radio and numerous magazines. Have given invited talks at Reboot 2009, New Media Days 2009 and other conferences. Awarded DKK 100.000 prize by Danish Minister of Science and Technology for innovatively reusing public data.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR, COPENHAGEN SOFTWARE, NOVEMBER 2008 - FEBRUARY 2009. Developed website (energymap.dk) for Danish Industry to showcase green tech during the UN Climate Conference in Copenhagen 2009. Used by 100s of Danish and international companies, 100.000+ visits.

ENTREPRENEUR, POPCORN, MAY 2008 - NOVEMBER 2008. Conceived and developed Facebook application for social cinema ticket discovery and reservation. Acquired by major Danish media company.

CONSULTANT, NETCOMPANY, JANUARY 2006 - MAY 2008. Sold, planned and implemented Microsoft CRM solutions for clients, including Nordea and ISS Global. Post-launch responsible for multi-million DKK system. Involved in recruitment efforts.

Education

M.SC. AT THE IT-UNIVERSITY IN COPENHAGEN, SEPTEMBER 2005 - JUNE 2009. Thesis on extending Microsoft "Language Integrated Query" (LINQ), supervised by Peter Sestoft. GPA 9,7 (old scale, preliminary).

B.SC COMPUTER SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN, SEPTEMBER 2002 - JULY 2005. GPA 8,5 (old scale).

EXCHANGE STUDENT AT THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, FALL 2004. Exchange program was highly competitive and I was one of two students chosen that year.

HIGH SCHOOL, HIMMELEV GYMNASIUM, AUGUST 1997 - JUNE 2000. Triple A-levels in math, physics and chemistry. GPA 10.6 (old scale, 10.3 unmodified).

Other

CEPOS UNIVERSITY, SPRING 2010. Competitively chosen to participate in a series of talks with prominent Danish libertarian and free-market thinkers

GOOGLE FELLOW AT DEMOCRACY FORUM, BARCELONA, NOVEMBER 2009. Awarded full scholarship to attend Personal Democracy Forum conference.

TENDERS ELECTRONIC DAILY (TED), 2008 - PRESENT. Screen-scraped and analyzed 35GB of EU public procurement contracts from password protected web portal.

BLANK(BANQUET), FALL 2007. Member of an artists collective working with digital performance installations. Art piece ("Living Room") was exhibited at the Junge Hunde theater festival in Århus and received coverage on national radio.

Climbed Mt. Blanc, the highest mountain in Western Europe, summer 2005. Ran Copenhagen Marathon in 2009.