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Profile

Jan Meppe is a **data scientist & software engineer** with a track record of shipping tangible business value using advanced machine learning techniques. In his feedback reviews his colleagues describe him as being a **quick thinker**, **enthusiastic**, and **proactive**. Jan is deeply concerned with using his skills to make a positive impact in the world.

Experience

2019/02 - now	Data Scientist (Cognizant) <i>Selected highlights from working at 7 different clients:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Led AI/ML development of NLP chatbot at client, shipping models and features to 2 million users- Led engineering efforts migrating a 3.5k LOC legacy codebase to Python- Catalysed overhaul of European Data Science performance management, resulting in a guild structure for our 300+ European data scientists- Reduced build time of CI/CD pipelines at client by 64%, resulting in significant cost savings- Participated in 3 international hackathons working in cross-functional teams, resulting in full-stack digital products delivered under intense time pressure
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Education

2016 - 2018	MPhil in Advanced Econometrics (8/10) , (Tinbergen Research Institute) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Thesis: Developed a novel estimation method for high-frequency market contagion- Full scholarship based on merit- Took on extracurricular PhD-level math coursework: Asymptotic Statistics
2015 - 2016	MSc Financial Econometrics (8.3/10) , (University of Amsterdam) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Thesis: Predicted high-frequency stock prices using machine learning (8.5)
2012 - 2015	BSc Econometrics & Operations Research (7.95/10) , (University of Amsterdam) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Thesis: Augmented econometric models with machine learning (8.5)- Top 10% GPA and a minor in actuarial sciences
2006 - 2012	Gymnasium/VWO (7.9/10) , (OSG West-Friesland) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Scored a 9.5/10 on the national mathematics final

Selected side projects

Blogging	Writing regularly on my blog, janmeppe.com , with on average 300 monthly readers. Published 23 posts in 2020, one of which got featured on the front-page of HackerNews
Open source	Giving back: Big open-source fan and my Github account enjoys more than 25 stars
Quirk clone	Building app in react native implementing cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT)
Education	Tutoring and educational coaching on and off throughout the years

Skills

Programming	Python (TensorFlow/Keras, scikit-learn), JavaScript (React Native, NodeJS), Docker
Technologies	Unix/CLI, Vim, Emacs, R, MATLAB, Excel, Git, \LaTeX
Competitive	Ex-top 100 player of a video game played by more than 42 million players worldwide.
Languages	Native Dutch, proficient English (CAE grade A, CEFR mastery level)
Analytical	Personal best for solving a Rubik's Cube: 14.70 seconds