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## Education

### École Normale Supérieure de Lyon

Computer Science MSc

Lyon, France

2017–ongoing

Graduated BSc in 2018 and MSc in 2020 (both *summa cum laude*). The curriculum covers general computer science theory along with research experience; I focused on languages, semantics and compilers.

### Lycée du Parc

Classe préparatoire

Lyon, France

2015–2017

A two-year intensive training preparing students for the entrance exams to competitive French universities.

## Experience

### Research

#### Basic analysis of heap allocation algorithms

2016–2017

I implemented and tested several linked-list-based heap allocation algorithms to compare their memory usage and fragmentation to theoretical expectations [2].

#### Design of a memory-light CPU architecture

2018

In architecture class, we experimented with an ISA design that keeps memory bandwidth to a minimum [1]. I also wrote an interactive emulator/debugger and a CHIP-8 emulator in its assembler ([repository](#)).

#### Coq formalization of the dancing links algorithm

June–July 2018 (Paris, France)

I proved the dancing links algorithm in Coq and partially proved an accompanying OCaml version [3].

#### Study of interactions between LLVM passes

April–June 2019 (Montreal, Canada)

I collected a database of LLVM optimization passes and dependencies, and sketched software engineering tools that study how they interact to guide empirical phase ordering [4].

#### Extensions of the congruence closure algorithm

February–June 2020 (Grenoble, France)

I developed extensions to the congruence closure algorithm and implemented the resulting decision procedure in OCaml, to be used in an updated version of the Coq tactic congruence [5].

#### Abstract semantics for monadic interpreters

October–December 2021 (Lyon, France)

I designed and implemented in Coq a basic framework for deriving and proving abstract semantics on *interaction trees*. This works makes it possible to extract abstract interpreters for languages defined by interaction trees.

### Projects

#### Unikernel development on embedded calculators

2015–ongoing

I wrote a unikernel for CASIO calculator applications, which features device drivers, interrupt-based asynchronous I/O, basic USB 2.0 support, and a custom C99 libc. Undocumented hardware modules were reverse-engineered from the official OS binary. The kernel includes a basic hypervisor to transparently take and yield control of the hardware. ([repository](#))

## Languages and main skills

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**French:** Native speaker

**English:** CEFR level C2

*CAE 203/210 (2018), TOEFL 116/120 (2021)*

**C and low-level programming:** Advanced

*Assemblers, Linker, Loaders, Dynamic linking*

**Functional programming and type theory:** Very comfortable

Also: some experience with C++, Linux administration, LaTeX

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