Franck DERNONCOURT

EDUCATION

2012-Present	MIT. PhD in Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence. Focus on large-scale machine learning and natural language processing, with
2009-2011	applications to MOOCs and healthcare. ENS Ulm (École Normale Supérieure), Paris. Leading French University for sciences Research Master in Cognitive Science (CogMaster), specialization in artificial intelligence. Ranked 2 nd out of 43.
2008-2011	CNAM (Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers), Paris. **Research Master in Computer Science,** specialization in artificial intelligence. Ranked 2nd out of 50.
2007-2011	HEC Paris, Ranked 1st European Business School by the Financial Times 5 years in a row. Master of Science, specialization in information systems. Ranked top 1% and 1st in math/CS in the entrance examination among 5,000 candidates.
2008-2009	University of Bath, England. Exchange student for the first semester.
Summer 2008	Stanford. Visiting student in computer science. Average grade: A.
2007-2008	University Paris-Dauphine, Bachelor's degree in Mathematics.
Summer 2007	PKU (Peking University), Beijing. Visiting student in economics.
2005-2007	"Classe Préparatoire" at Lycée Henri IV, Paris. An intensive two-year course after the Baccalaureate to prepare for the competitive entrance into France's leading colleges. Courses included mathematics, computer science, languages and economics. Ranked 2nd out of 46. Admitted to all top schools.
2002-2005	High School at Lycée Henri IV , Paris, "widely regarded as one of the most demanding in France" according to Wikipedia. Specialization in science.

WORK EXPERIENCE

2012 - Present	Research Assistant in Machine Learning MIT CSAIL (Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory).
	 Focusing on large-scale machine learning and natural language processing, with applications to MOOCs and healthcare
2011-2012	Research Intern in Artificial Intelligence
	LIP6 (Laboratory of Computer Science, Université Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris).
	Built conversational agents for serious games, using semantics, ontology, natural
	language processing and knowledge representation.
2010-2011	Research Intern in Computational Neuroscience
	ISIR (Institute of Intelligent Systems and Robotics, Université Jussieu, Paris)
	Modeled a part of the brain involved in low-level decision making, as a neural
	network.
	Optimized the model with evolutionary computation.
	Evaluated as a virtual robot controller.
2010 (Jan-Jul)	Software Developer
	La Banque Postale (A national bank in France)
	• Specified, conceived, and developed a project management application in La Banque
	Postale's J2EE expert department.
	 Used Java (Spring), UML, PL/SQL, Oracle DB.

2008-2010	 Founder of Wiki4Games.com Launched a wiki dedicated to video games: over 4,200 articles created, 2,200 files uploaded and 3 million page views since 11 April 2008. Used PHP, C++ (Qt), JavaScript, MySQL, Apache HTTP Server, Webmin, BIND.
2008-2009	 President of HEC Microsystèmes, HEC's Computer Science club Taught introductory computer science classes to all freshmen every year. Administered the two major student websites. Provided IT support to students.
2005-2006	 Co-founder of FMClubbing.com Created a website about Paris' nightlife: over 300,000 hits, more than 500 events published, and 43 venues affiliated. Used HTML, PHP, JavaScript, CSS, MySQL, SQL.

LANGUAGES AND COMPUTER SKILLS

Languages	French: Native language English: Fluent (Over 3 year in English-speaking countries. TOEFL: top 5%; GRE: top 5%)
Computer Skills	Web technologies: HTLM, SQL, JS, PHP, Apache HTTP Server. Programming: Mostly Python, Java, C++ and MATLAB. Misc.: MySQL, OpenStack, http://careers.stackoverflow.com/franck

AWARDS

2011	Outstanding Full Grant Award from DGA (French Department of Defense) for research in Al.
2010	Google Al Challenge - Autumn 2010 (Artificial Intelligence): Top 10% (FrankyRP).
2009	NewbieContest (Hacking): Top 1% (FrankyRP).
2006	SimONU (UN-like negotiation simulation): Best public speaker award.
2005	Kangaroo (Math): ranked 1st in Lycée Henri IV.

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

(http://francky.me/publications.php)

- beatDB: a large-scale waveform feature repository. (NIPS Workshop 2013)
- MoocViz, A large-scale, open-access, collaborative, data analytics platform for MOOCs. (NIPS Workshop 2013)
- MOOCdb: developing standards and systems for MOOC Data Science (MIT Technical Report 2013)
- Efficient training set use for blood pressure prediction in a large-scale learning classifier system. (GECCO 2013)
- Of the use of natural dialogue to hide MCQs in serious games. (RECITAL 2012)
- Designing an intelligent dialogue system for serious games. (RJC EIAH 2012)
- The medial Reticular Formation: a neural substrate for action selection? An evaluation via evolutionary computation. Master's Thesis (ENS/EHESS/Paris 5, 2011)
- Fuzzy logic: introducing human reasoning within decision-making systems? Master's Thesis (CNAM, 2011)

INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES

- Online interactions: I am a strong proponent of open science and lead the open science society at MIT. I am a frequent contributor on Quora and StackExchange with thousands of posts. I used to be a writer and moderator in AI at Developpez.com (the largest French-speaking IT community, 200,000 unique visitors/day).
- Music: I am a hobbyist DJ, having on average one event per month with typically hundreds, sometimes thousands of attendees. See http://spln.it