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ClojureScript, Racket, Emacs Lisp, Redex, JavaScript, OMeta, meta-programming
Fall '13 Recurse Center (aka Hacker School) alum
UK Tier 1 Exceptional Talent visa holder

Corporate ladder

- Apr-Nov 2017 *Senior Programmer* at Droit (London, UK)
Same as before but with obligatory daily commute.
- 2015-2017 *Programmer/Consultant* at Droit (remote and New York, USA)
Building an expert system for compliant trading. Sneaking ClojureScript into unsuspecting financial giants. On any given day I could be designing DSLs, implementing compilers, parsers, rule-based engines, putting together simple browser-based GUIs and whatever else the startup life would have me do.
- 2014-2015 *Programmer* at Yandex (Moscow, Russia).
Officially a member of *Search Interfaces Development Infrastructure* group, but mostly I wrote backend tools for source to source compilation - engines to write your template engines. If I were lucky and did it right frontend developers would get to use my work and take all the credit.
- 2009-2011 *Equity Derivatives & Structured Products Sales* at Renaissance Capital (Moscow, Russia).
- 2007-2009 *EM Structured Solutions and Derivatives Sales* at Barclays Capital (London, UK).

Projects

- Emacs Lisp *Author* of `multi.el` - all things multiple dispatch for Emacs Lisp: type driven dispatch with protocols, ad-hoc polymorphism with `multi-methods`, pattern-matching and destructuring without noise with `multi-patterns`, case-dispatch with `multi-defuns`, benchmarking with `multi-benchmarks`.
- Racket *Author* of `ttids` an opinionated threading macro with self-documenting hole-markers, clause level keyword options and an implicit escape continuation.
Author of `prelude` that extends Racket with generic associative API, Lua-style meta-tables for prototypal inheritance and more.
Author of `ponzi` - the beginnings of a clever Scheme for a discerning smart contract builder. WIP but it does implement the Ethereum Virtual Machine close enough to the Yellow Paper.
Author of `ometa-racket`, a mostly complete Racket implementation of OMeta - OO pattern-matching language that extends PEGs with ability to handle left-recursive rules and match structured data.
Author of `skish`, a mostly futile attempt at porting Olin Shivers' `wonderfulskish` to Racket. `scsh` is a non-interactive Unix shell embedded within Scheme (originally Scheme48).
Contributor to Racket the language.
- Clojure *Author* of several closed-source products: `FjML` message parser, financial derivatives classifier based on ISDA taxonomies, legal annotation tools, PDF and XML content extractor and transformation tools.
Author of `bot` - a crypto-currency arbitrage that could talk to several exchanges including Bitfinex and GDAX. It uses Clojure Spec to parse and validate protocol messages and `steplef` for async communication and concurrency.
Author of `playrum` - just getting the taste for React in ClojureScript.
Contributor to `seqexp`, regular expressions for Clojure sequences.
- JavaScript *Author* of `behtml-syntax`, a syntax converter for BEMHTML - an XSLT inspired templating language - part of BEM methodology of frontend development.
Author of `behtml-source-convert`, a best effort compiler from BEMHTML templates to BH templates.
Author of `xjst-more`, an XJST-based compiler for BEMHTML templates that facilitates incremental compilation of templates potentially on the Client. WIP.
Contributor to `ometa-js`, a JavaScript implementation of OMeta.
Contributor to `behtml-xjst`, XJST-based compiler for BEMHTML templates.

Public Speaking

- Jul 2019 talk at RacketCon'19 (Salt Lake City, USA)
- due Sep 2019 talk accepted for Strange Loop'19 (St. Louis, USA)

Formal education

- 2004-2006 Keldysh Institute of Applied Mathematics (Moscow, Russia)
PhD track in Applied Mathematics, dropped out
- 2004 New Economic School (Moscow, Russia)
MS in Economics track with full scholarship, dropped out
- 1999-2004 Lomonosov Moscow State University (Moscow, Russia)
MS in Theoretical Mechanics and Applied Mathematics.

Autodidacticisms

- 2018 Language-oriented Programming and Language Building
The Racket Summer School 2018 (Salt Lake City, USA)
- 2017 Redex for designing operational semantics
The Racket Summer School of Semantics and Languages (Salt Lake City, USA)
While targeted at PL PhDs a bunch of us non-academic types had been admitted. Learnt to create languages quickly and back them up with runnable reduction semantics - what's not to like?
- 2015 Introduction to Probability, [Certificate 94%]
MIT for edX.
Because it's awesome.
- 2014 Paradigms of Computer Programming 1, [Certificate 84%]
Paradigms of Computer Programming 2, [Certificate 97%]
Université catholique de Louvain for edX
How I was introduced to concurrency, multi-paradigm programming and delightful paradigms that so far seem to exist only in academic settings. Taught by Peter Van Roy and is based on his classical Concepts, Techniques, and Models of Computer Programming.
- 2014 Hardware/Software Interface, [Certificate 89.6%]
University of Washington for Coursera
How I was introduced to systems programming. Essentially an Introduction to Computer Systems course as taught at Carnegie Mellon with the same course-load and text *Computer Systems: A Programmer's Perspective* by Bryant and O'Hallaron.
- 2012 Programming Languages, [Certificate]
Brown University
How I was introduced to creating PL4. Taught by Shriram Krishnamurthi based on his wonderful PL4I text. My *solutions* - a sequence of interpreters for progressively more complex languages: all the way to OOP, CPS transforms and type checkers.
- 2012 How to Design Programs by Matthias Felleisen et al.
How I was introduced to programming. Assorted solutions to HDRP.

Languages

- Russian, English
Clojure Equally uncomfortable.
Racket What I get to use on the job. Can't complain.
Favorite Lisp. Would be my weapon of choice were such choice ever offered.
Emacs Lisp Unavoidable Lisp for any Emacs user. It is surprisingly fun to code.
JavaScript Wrote fair amount, mostly backend compiler stuff with Node.js.
OMeta Extensive experience writing parsers with complex and context dependent grammars.
Redex Can implement executable semantics for your pet-language or DSL.
Java Enough to write a Clojure wrapper with necessary bindings.
C Enough to pass a systems programming class but not nearly enough to actually use it.
Factor, OCaml, Lua, Rust, Shen Toyed with but never used in earnest. Invented some good ideas from Lua to Racket and contributed a patch to `racer-rust`.

Activities and interests

Most of my activities and interests these days involve boxes with lights and buttons. Even so there were periods of me cycling, bouldering, surfing, roller-skating, skiing and more. Having owned a sports car I'll choose a bicycle every time.
Lived in the UK, US, Hungary, Spain and far more exotic places. Crossed the US from Mexico to Canada twice with the current state court of 18.