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Work Experience

May 2021 – Present
- **Research Scientist** in Rakuten, Singapore.
  Research in the area of Machine Translation.

Oct 2019 – Apr 2021
- **Postdoctoral Researcher** in ADAPT Centre, Ireland.
  Research in the area of Machine Translation and Natural Language Processing. Investigation of indirect translation and sentiment classification. Technologies: Python, Pandas, Numpy, Spacy, Keras.

Oct 2015 – Sep 2019
- **PhD Researcher** in ADAPT Centre, Ireland.
  Research in the area of Machine Translation and Natural Language Processing. Use of data-selection techniques and synthetic data generation for improving machine-translation. Technologies: OpenNMT, Python, Scala, C language.

Aug 2013 – Sep 2015
- **Big Data Engineer** in BEEVA, Spain
  Projects involved: (i) Development of a tool for calculating the risks involved in the granting of loans;(ii) Data exploration using Spark and Scala; (iii) A client segmentation analysis using data mining techniques. Technologies: R and Hive; and (iv) Development of a tool based in intelligent agent ecosystem. Technologies: node.js and Neo4j.

Jun 2012 – Jul 2012
- **Software Developer** in LKS, Spain
  Use of Oracle PL/SQL, Oracle Forms and Oracle Reports technologies

May 2011 – Aug 2011
- **Web Developer** in Sector4 Consultoría Y Soluciones Informáticas S.L.
  Web application development using the following technologies: PHP (CodeIgniter framework), HTML, jQuery, AJAX, CSS, MySQL

Education

2015 – 2019
- **Ph.D., Machine Translation** in Dublin City University, Ireland.
  Research in the area of Machine Translation.
  Thesis title: *Improving Transductive Data Selection Algorithms for Machine Translation*

2012 – 2013
- **M.Sc., Machine Learning** in University of the Basque Country, Spain.
  Thesis title: *Preprocess and data analysis techniques for affymetrix DNA microarrays using bioconductor: a case study in Alzheimer disease*

2009 – 2010
- **Erasmus study year** in École pour l'informatique et les techniques avancées (EPITA), France

2004 – 2011
- **B.Sc. Computer Science** in University of the Basque Country, Spain.

Certificates and Courses

2016   • **Machine learning** Coursera
        https://www.coursera.org/account/accomplishments/certificate/5XKFZ85CN8U8

2014   • **Data Science Specialization** Coursera
        https://www.coursera.org/account/accomplishments/specialization/certificate/
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Languages

- Native: Spanish
- Proficiency level: English
- Intermediate level: French, Basque
- Basic level: Japanese, Serbian, German, Italian

Miscellaneous

Academia

- Number of papers published: 35
  https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=OHKfbi4AAAAJ
- Number of presentations: 10 (in international conferences and events for science outreach)
- Teaching Assistant of "Programming I" (2005-2008), "Data Structures and Algorithms" (2006) in University of the Basque Country.
- Teacher of "Statistical Machine Translation" (2019-2020) and "Machine Learning" (2020) in Dublin City University.

Volunteering Experience and Scientific outreach

2017 – 2019   • **Coordinator** All Ireland Linguistics Olympiad (AILO) and International Linguistics Olympiad (2017)
2017 – 2018   • **Spanish Teacher**
               • **My Thesis in 3 in French**
2015   • **DL4MT Winter School: Deep Learning for Machine Translation** volunteer