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Summary

My name is Ricardo Kawase, I am a Ph.D in computer science. I've recently concluded my Ph.D studies and was awarded the title of Doktor der Naturwissenschaften (Doctor rerum naturalium, Dr. rer. nat.) by the Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany. In parallel, for the last seven years, I've been a researcher at the L3S Research center in Hannover.

During the course of my Ph.D., my research interests included data mining, machine learning, information retrieval, web annotations, folksonomies, semantic web, e-learning, social networks and Web science in general. My main research publications can be found at <http://www.informatik.uni-trier.de/~ley/pers/hd/k/Kawase:Ricardo.html>

For me, computer engineering is a passion more than just a professional field that I practice for living. I am much motivated by the challenge of taking an idea, overcome any problem and make it work. In fact, if there is one thing that I've learnt over the years is how to solve problems. I believe that there's nothing that I do not know or that I cannot learn. Smart thinking and hard work can solve most of problems. Besides the challenges, the outcomes are also a motivation for me. I've found out that it is incredibly rewarding when you create something that is appreciated by others.

I am an enthusiastic, creative, perfectionist and an artistic computer engineer. If I have an idea, I take my free time and I try it. My latest and yet more success pastime is the FireMe! (<http://fireme.me>) web site, which tagline is "Trying to get people aware of the risks of Social Media." #FireMe!. What started as a "fun" garage project, hit the media and instantaneously became famous all over the world (CNN article: <http://goo.gl/uGcm0M>). It granted me the delightful experience of actually influence people's lives.

I am looking forward to continue working, doing something greater every new day.

Professional Experience

L3S Research Center, Hannover, Germany (11/2007 - Present) - WebScience Researcher and PhD Candidate

I am currently working on research on the areas of Web Annotation, Recommendations, Semantic Web and Intelligent User Interfaces. The research work is merged with project work. I have been involved in the following European projects:

Feb 2014 - Present || ForgetIt

ForgetIt is a research oriented project which aims at achieving smart preservation of digital content. The three main challenges in the project are Managed Forgetting, Synergetic Preservation and Contextualized Remembering.

Responsibilities: Development of forgetting strategies (what should be preserved) based on thorough analysis of user-data (Facebook), user-studies and evaluations. Development of summarization strategies (which content best represent particular events) based on the detection of events, aggregation and selection of relevant data. Development of user-friendly interfaces for summarizations (Facebook app, PHP, MySQL).
More info: <http://www.forgetit-project.eu/>

Mar 2013 - Present || Madsack Epaper

The goal of the project is to develop a personalized experience for Madsacks' e-Paper App.
Responsibilities: My task is to design and develop innovative means of personalization for the Madsacks' e-Paper App, focusing on the exploitation of web semantics. In practice, my task is to design the backend services, design the user experience and user interactions, create prototypes (PHP, HTML, MySQL), design and perform user study and empirical evaluations.
More info: <http://www.madsack-online.de/app-produkte/epaper-app/>

Dec 2009 - Nov 2012 || OpenScout

OpenScout is a European initiative aiming at providing a single access point for open management education and business education.
Responsibilities: My task in the project was to co-lead the WP1 (Content Federation Infrastructure). The main objective of WP1 is to enable the re-use, enrichment and internationalization of management related content from open content repositories. It required an orchestration of developers and partners from remote locations, in addition to the implementation of the infrastructure components (JAVA, PHP, HTML, Javascript, MySQL).
More info: <http://www.openscout.net/>

Jan 2009 - Nov 2009 || TenCompetene

The goal of the project was to develop infrastructure to support individuals, groups and organizations in lifelong competence development.
Responsibilities: My task in the project was to develop Web user interfaces (PHP, HTML, Javascript) to support the visualization and management of competence based learning.
More info: <http://www.tencompetence.org/>

Nov 2007 - Dec 2008 || Nepomuk Project

The project consisted of an effort to develop a collaboration environment which supports both the personal information management and the sharing and exchange across social and organizational relations.
Responsibilities: My task within the project was to understand the infrastructure and requirements of each component (logger, PIM system, recommender, etc...) and build an user interface and platform (Java) that integrates all the components.
More info: <http://nepomuk.semanticdesktop.org>.

Thera Solutions, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (01/2005 - 08/2007) - Partner/Director/Software Developer.

Partner/Director of Thera Solutions company (<http://www.thera.com.br>). The focus of the company continued the same (development of corporate portals and WEB solutions), but the responsibilities as partner/director of a small company resulted in new experiences: Solutions modeling, project management, team training, administration, accounting among others. Work focused on the development of Web solutions using the Lumis Portal Suite. During this period I gained a lot of experience deploying Web solutions and developing Web based products used by thousands of user.

Eg: Futura Channel (<http://www.futura.org.br/>), MME – Fundação Roberto Marinho (<http://www.mme.org.br/>), IBP – Instituto Brasileiro de Petróleo e Gás (<http://www.ibp.org.br/main.asp>), Escola 24horas (<http://www4.escola24h.com.br>). Great experience with the following technologies: HTML, ASP, XML, XSL, Javascript, SQL and Oracle.

Lumis, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (11/2001 - 12/2003) - Trainee/Software Developer

Lumis Ti company (<http://www.lumis.com.br>) - Microsoft partner. The company has its own software to create corporate web portals and WEB solutions – Lumis Portal Suite. Work focused in the development of the Lumis Portal Suite and in the development of webportals such as Sebrae - Rio de Janeiro (<http://www.sebraerj.com.br>), Lachmann Group (<http://www.grupolachmann.com.br>), Sesc (<http://www.sesc.com.br>). Great experience with the following technologies: HTML, ASP, XML, XSL, Javascript, SQL and Oracle.

Logical Systems, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (02/2001 - 11/2001) – Trainee/Software Developer

Logical Systems company (<http://www.logicalsistemas.com.br>). Work focused in the development and maintenance of the system that controls the Gym Estação do Corpo - Rio de Janeiro with the use of the tools Power Builder and Delphi.

Other Professional Experience:

Working Experience Program for Students in USA. Nov/2004- Mar/2005

Working as a Security Officer in Sands Regency Casino (<http://www.sandsregency.com>)

Educational Background

Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Universität Hannover, Hannover, Germany

Ph.D in Computer Science (Doktor der Naturwissenschaften)

September 2011 – October 2014

Pontifícia Universidade do Rio de Janeiro, PUC – Rio, Rio de Janeiro, RJ

Master Degree in Computer Science

January 2004 – August 2006

Pontifícia Universidade do Rio de Janeiro, PUC – Rio, Rio de Janeiro, RJ

Computer Engineer

January 1999 - December 2003

Teaching Activities

Lecture “Introduction to Web Usage - Data Mining and Personalization”, Winter Semester 2010-2011.

Workshop organizer: Crowdsourcing 101 - JTELSS '13

Workshop organizer: Knowledge Modeling From Activity Traces Workshop - JTELSS '13

Courses

Technology Enhanced Learning – Jul. 2013
JTELSS 2013 - Ninth Joint European Summer School on Technology Enhanced Learning
Technology Enhanced Learning – Jul. 2012
JTELSS 2012 - Eighth Joint European Summer School on Technology Enhanced Learning

Web Engineering: designing web applications for the Now Economy - Jul. 2007
WEE-NET Summer School 2007

Software Project Management - Feb. 2007
CCE – Puc-Rio

Languages

Portuguese (Native), English (Full professional proficiency), Spanish (basic), German (basic)

Knowledge

Programming Languages:

Previous experience with: C, C#, Pascal, Delphi, Assembly, Visual Basic 4.0, Power Builder(Power Script), JavaScript, HTML, XML, XSL, ASP, PHP, MYSQL, SQL, Oracle, Java;

Good experience with: Java, JavaScript, HTML, XML, ASP, PHP, MYSQL, SQL e Oracle.

Other Information

Good disposition for traveling.
Experience in international working environments.
Experience in the coordination of international projects and working teams.
Experience in public presentations and lecture

Awards

Best Paper Award at 6th European Conference of Technology Enhanced Learning, EC-TEL 2011, Palermo, Italy, September 20-23, 2011. Ernesto Diaz-Aviles, Marco Fisichella, Wolfgang Nejdl, Ricardo Kawase, Avaré Stewart. Unsupervised Auto-tagging for Learning Object Enrichment

Best Paper Award at 22nd ACM conference on Hypertext and Hypermedia (HT), June 2011, Eindhoven, The Netherlands. Ricardo Kawase, Georgios Papadakis, Eelco Herder, Wolfgang Nejdl. Beyond the Usual Suspects: Context-Aware Revisitation Support.

2nd LinkedUp Challenge: **Vidi People's Choice Winner**

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Ricardo Kawase, Ujwal Gadiraju and Patrick Siehndel. Visualizing Research Works in the Water Resources Industry. <http://linkedup-project.eu/2014/10/22/iswc-vici-the-winners/>

3rd Place at the 3rd LinkedUp Challenge:

Ricardo Kawase, Ujwal Gadiraju and Patrick Siehndel. Visualizing Research Works in the Water Resources Industry. <http://linkedup-project.eu/2014/10/22/iswc-vici-the-winners/>

Best Poster Award at 13th International Semantic Web Conference, ISWC 2014.

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Publications

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Hannover, 17. November 2014

Subject: Reference Letter Dr. Ricardo Kawase

I have known Dr Ricardo Kawase since November 2007, when he started working at the L3S Research Center as PhD student. In this role, his main responsibilities were to participate in European funded projects for specific work packages and tasks, to perform research in Information Retrieval, e-Learning, Personalization, Human-User Interaction and Web Science in general.

Dr Kawase has contributed to the successful accomplishment of several projects such as Nepomuk, TenCompetene and OpenScout, which outcomes were recognized by the European Commission. He crucially contributed to the development, implementation and components integration of both the Nepomuk and TenCompetence projects. Later on, he was working in the OpenScout project, with more responsibilities including co-leading the technology work package, where he demonstrated very good managing and leadership skills. Since the end of last year, he has been responsible for our cooperation with a regional newspaper publisher, working on new forms of publishing and personalization of newspaper content.

Regarding research, Dr. Kawase also met and exceeded expectations. Through his creativity and hard work, he published several research papers in international conferences, including Hypertext, User Modelling and Technology Enhanced Learning. He has been awarded several prizes, including best-paper awards in prestigious conferences, a distinctive achievement for any researcher.

He is reliable, intelligent, strong-willed and shows remarkable initiative. His attitude to work is enthusiastic and helpful and he is cooperative, efficient, hard-working and self-motivated. His ability to work overtime, meet deadlines, work under pressure, work independently, analyze information and work in a team environment and his communication, information technology, interpersonal and leadership skills have made him an asset to our institute.

In conclusion, I have no reservations in recommending Dr Kawase for any position in the IT field that involves complexity and creativity, with high quality requirements.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. NejdI'.

Prof. Dr. Wolfgang NejdI
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Hannover, 12.11.2014

Recommendation for Dr. Ricardo Kawase

Dear colleague,

I am writing this reference letter in support of Dr Ricardo Kawase, whom I have supervised in my role as research group leader throughout the last years.

Ricardo's research focused on the areas of human computer interaction, social and semantic web as well as the technology-enhanced learning field. During his time at L3S, Ricardo has led and co-authored over 50 publications with major scientific conferences and journals and has demonstrated outstanding capabilities to transfer his research results into compelling applications in European-funded and industrial R&D projects. Ricardo has shown a great ability to independently define new research challenges and develop innovative solutions by applying and improving state of the art methods in the aforementioned areas and turn these into novel applications. The latter received highly positive feedback from both academic and practitioner communities as well as general public and the media.

As part of his work, Ricardo has very productively collaborated with colleagues as well as external researchers and has used his increasing network of colleagues to efficiently collaborate on joint publications and works. His acclaimed applications demonstrate his sound software development skills which led to prototypes and applications which provided essential contributions to our international R&D projects, scholarly publications and system demonstrators. The high value and exceptional quality of his work was acknowledged by his colleagues and peers and he has always been a highly respected member of our research team and the international consortia he has been collaborating with. As all of my colleagues, I always enjoyed working and interacting with Ricardo, professionally as well as personally, and can highly recommend him for future positions.

I wish Ricardo all the best for his personal and professional future and am looking forward very much to collaborate with him in future projects.

Best regards,

Dr. Stefan Dietze
Research Group Leader

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Reference letter for Dr. Ricardo Kawase

Hannover, 11 November 2014

Mr. Ricardo Kawase recently received his PhD at the L3S Research Center of the University of Hannover, Germany. His thesis concerns the exploitation of annotations, tags, log data and other kinds of context information for the improvement of Web-based services.

I was the daily supervisor for Mr. Kawase in the past few years and closely cooperated with him in various projects. One of Mr. Kawase's biggest assets is his ability to come up with interesting ideas and to quickly translate them into functioning demos or prototypes, ready for evaluation. One notable example is the FireMe project, which received wide attention from the international media in 2013. His ability to conduct more fundamental research has been demonstrated by his publications on recurrent behavior on the Web – one of which received the best paper award at the Hypertext 2011 conference.

I can recommend Mr. Kawase as an inspiring, creative person and a good team player.

Yours sincerely,

Eelco Herder

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E Herder". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.