

Nicolas Jeannerod

Curriculum Vitæ



Career

- 2021–now **Research Software Engineer** at **Tweag I/O**. I spent a year working for a client and building a dynamic analysis tool suite for smart contracts on Cardano, mostly in Racket. I then joined the internal **High Assurance Software Group** a year ago, where I worked towards a similar purpose on a different tool suite written in Haskell. I am now working for a client and implementing an improvement of a consensus algorithm. In parallel, I contribute to some internal projects. I am also a hive supporter, mentoring fellow engineers as well as following them and communicating on their behalf to other instances of the company.
- 2017–2021 **PhD in Computer Science** at **IRIF (Université de Paris, France)** with **Ralf Treinen** and **Yann Régis-Gianas** on the “Verification of Shell Scripts Performing File Hierarchy Transformations”. This involved a more theoretical side working on extending feature tree logics and working on their decidability; and a more practical side implementing the actual analysis tooling, from a parser of Shell to a satisfiability solver for formulas in our logics. This effort led to the report of over 150 bugs on Debian packages.
- 2013–2017 **ENS Graduate Degree** at the **École normale supérieure (Paris, France)**. This is a research-oriented four-year program including the third year of bachelor, the two years of master and an extra year – in my case, a one year-long internship. The degree requires the validation of extra courses in addition to the bachelor and master.
- 2014–2016 **Master’s Degree in Computer Science** at the **Université de Paris (France)**. The “Master Parisien de Recherche en Informatique” is a research-oriented master program in computer science whose purpose is to train future scientists through intensive exposure to contemporary research.

Interests

- Abstract** I like specifications, abstraction and modularisation. I firmly believe in strongly typed functional programming, compilers, formal methods and program verification.
- Concrete** I enjoy working on low-level objects – network, systems or code optimisation, for instance. I am not afraid to dig into standards and RFCs.
- Packaging** I try to write good code, well designed and documented, used in practice.
- System** On my free time, I administrate a Debian server providing websites, email, cloud, etc.
- Talks** I love teaching and giving talks and I am said to be good at it.

Languages

Main	OCaml, POSIX Shell	Natural	Fluent in French and English
Good	Haskell, Racket, T _E X/LaT _E X	OK	Web, C, Java, Python, other Lisp

Outside of Work

- Music** I spend a lot of time playing music (piano & clarinet mostly, but I love trying all kind of instruments), writing music and typesetting music (with LilyPond).
- SCD** I also spend an awful lot of time doing Scottish Country Dancing. This includes dancing it, teaching it, playing music for it and organising local and international events.

Personal Data

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Full Professional Experience

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- 2021 **Member of the organising committee** of **CONFLANG**, a workshop colocated with SPLASH in October 2021.
- 2017–2021 **PhD in Computer Science** at **IRIF (Université de Paris, France)** with **Ralf Treinen** and **Yann Régis-Gianas** on the “Verification of Shell Scripts Performing File Hierarchy Transformations”. This involved a more theoretical side working on extending feature tree logics and working on their decidability; and a more practical side implementing the actual analysis tooling, from a parser of Shell to a satisfiability solver for formulas in our logics. This effort led to the report of over 150 bugs on Debian packages.
(3½ years)
- 2016–2020 **Teaching** at **UFR Informatique (Université de Paris, France)** including both practical and written exercises sessions for a total of 240h over 4 years. In addition to these hours in front of the students, the work included preparing materials and grading exams and projects.
(4 years)
- 2017 **Google Summer of Code** with **Aymeric Fromherz** and **Nikos Gorogiannis**: “Verification and Testing of Heap-based Programs with Symbolic PathFinder”.
(3 months)
- 2016–2017 **Research Internship** at **IRIF (Université de Paris, France)** with **Ralf Treinen** and **Mihaela Sighireanu**: “Correctness of Linux Scripts”.
(1 year)
- 2016 **Research Internship** at **IRIF (Université de Paris, France)** with **Ralf Treinen** and **Mihaela Sighireanu**: “Towards Verification of Shell Scripts”.
(6 months)
- 2015 **Research Internship** in the **Complogic** team (**McGill University, Montréal, Canada**) with **Brigitte Pientka** in order to help with the development of the proof assistant Beluga.
(5 months)
- 2014 **Research Internship** at the **Institut de Mathématiques de Marseille (France)** with **Lionel Vaulx Auclair** and **Emmanuel Beffara**: “On a logical counterpart of local non-determinism in classical realisability”.
(3 months)

Full Education

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(4 years)

- 2014–2016 (2 years) **Master's Degree in Computer Science** at the **Université de Paris** (France). The “Master Parisien de Recherche en Informatique” is a research-oriented master program in computer science whose purpose is to train future scientists through intensive exposure to contemporary research.
- 2013–2014 (1 year) **Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science** at the **École normale supérieure** (Paris, France). The two years of preparatory classes, completed by first year of the **École normale supérieure**, include a full bachelor.
- 2011–2013 (2 years) **Preparatory Classes MPSI/MP*** at the **Lycée du Parc** (Lyon, France). Preparatory Classes are an intensive two-year preparation for competitive entrance into top engineering and research schools.

Miscellaneous Experience

- 2022–now **President** of the **RSCDS Paris Branch**. I lead the organising committee and represent the branch in front of the members, the RSCDS and the other branches.
- 2019–now **Teacher** of Scottish country dance classes at the **RSCDS Paris Branch**.
- 2018–now **Musician** for Scottish country dance classes at the **RSCDS Paris Branch** and internationally.
- 2019–2021 **Editor** of the **Paris Book of Scottish Country Dances**, volume 2 as well as its two companion books of tunes. This involves communicating with the different authors, handling copyright considerations, typesetting the book (using LaTeX and LilyPond), printing and publishing it, etc.
- 2018–2022 **Member of the organising committee** of the **RSCDS Paris Branch**.
- 2018–2022 **Organiser and member of a professional band** (~2-3 musicians) playing at various events, mostly weddings. This includes finding the gigs, discussing the organisation with the clients and, of course, playing music.
- 2017–2022 **Organiser and member of an amateur band** (~10-12 musicians) playing for Scottish country dances.
- Jan. 2017 **Student volunteer** at POPL in Paris, France.
- Aug. 2012 **Sanitation worker** for the city of Mions, France.
- 2009–2011 **Member of the organising committee** of the **Orchestre d'Harmonie de Saint-Priest**, an amateur wind orchestra, and its associated music school, **Vive le Vent**.

Selected Publications

- 2021 **“Verification of Shell Scripts Performing File Hierarchy Transformations”**. Nicolas Jeannerod. PhD Thesis
- 2020 **“Analysing installation scenarios of Debian packages”**. Benedikt Becker, Nicolas Jeannerod, **Claude Marché**, **Yann Régis-Gianas**, **Mihaela Sighireanu** and **Ralf Treinen**. In **TACAS 2020 26th International Conference on Tools and Algorithms for the Construction and Analysis of Systems**. Core Ranking 2020: A.
- 2020 **“Morbis: A Static parser for POSIX shell”**. **Yann Régis-Gianas**, Nicolas Jeannerod and **Ralf Treinen**. In **Journal of Computer Languages**, Volume 57, April 2020.
- 2018 **“Morbis: A Static Parser for POSIX Shell”**. **Yann Régis-Gianas**, Nicolas Jeannerod and **Ralf Treinen**. In **SLE 2018 - 11th International Conference on Software Language Engineering**. Core Ranking 2018: B.
- 2018 **“Deciding the First-Order Theory of an Algebra of Feature Trees with Updates”**. Nicolas Jeannerod and **Ralf Treinen**. In **IJCAR 2018 - 9th International Joint Conference on Automated Reasoning**. Core Ranking 2018: A*.

- 2017 **"A Formally Verified Interpreter for a Shell-like Programming Language"**. Nicolas Jeannerod, Claude Marché and Ralf Treinen. In *VSTTE 2017 - 9th Working Conference on Verified Software: Theories, Tools and Experiments*.
- 2017 **"Le coquillage dans le CoLiS-mateur"**. Nicolas Jeannerod. In *JFLA 2017 - 28e Journées Francophones des Langages Applicatifs*.

Selected Talks

- Mar. 2021 **"Verification of Shell Scripts Performing File Hierarchy Transformations."** At PhD Thesis Defence.
- Dec. 2020 **"Analysing installation scenarios of Debian Packages."** At IRIF's Verification Seminar.
- Sept. 2019 **"Symbolic Execution of Debian Packages."** At AVM'19.
- Jul. 2019 **"Symbolic Execution of Maintainer Scripts."** With Ralf Treinen. At DebConf'19.
- Jul. 2018 **"Mining Debian Maintainer Scripts."** With Ralf Treinen. At DebConf'18.
- Jul. 2018 **"Deciding the First-Order Theory of an Algebra of Feature Trees with Updates."** At IJ-CAR'18.
- Jun. 2018 **"Deciding the First-Order Theory of an Algebra of Feature Trees with Updates."** At IRIF's Verification Seminar.
- Sept. 2017 **"Formalising an Intermediate Language for POSIX Shell."** With Yann Régis-Gianas. At Seminar Gallium.
- Jul. 2017 **"A Formally Verified Interpreter for a Shell-like Programming Language."** At VSTTE'17.
- Jul. 2017 **"A Formally Verified Interpreter for a Shell-like Programming Language."** At Seminar VALS.
- Jan. 2017 **"Le coquillage dans le CoLiS-mateur."** At JFLA'17.

Teaching

- Feb. 2020 **"Internet et outils"**. Practical exercises at Université de Paris (France): Introduction to web programming in HTML5/CSS/PHP/MySQL/JS for first year students in computing. (36h)
- Sept. 2019 **"Principe de fonctionnement des machines binaires"**. Written exercises at Université de Paris (France): Introduction to binary, circuits and processors for first year students in computing. (24h)
- Feb. 2019 **"Concepts informatiques"**. Written exercises at Université de Paris (France): Introduction to compilation for first year students in computing. (24h)
- Sept. 2018 **"Programmation fonctionnelle"**. Practical exercises at Université de Paris (France): Introduction to functional programming in OCaml for third year students in computing. (36h)
- Feb. 2018 **"Internet et outils"**. Practical exercises at Université de Paris (France): Introduction to web programming in HTML5/CSS/PHP/MySQL/JS for first year students in computing. (48h)
- Feb. 2018 **"Concepts informatiques"**. Written exercises at Université de Paris (France): Introduction to compilation for first year students in computing. (24h)
- Feb. 2017 **"Projet informatique"**. Tutoring at Université de Paris (France): tutoring of second year students in computing during their programming project. (24h)
- Sept. 2016 **"Introduction à la programmation"**. Practical exercises at Université de Paris (France): Introduction to programming in Java for first year students in computing. (24h)