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Your Career - Session



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Career path – Dr. Isabelle



Medical Doctor & Master in Computer Sciences, University of Louvain
Master Medical Computer Sciences – AI Major, Stanford University
BAEF Fellow

Director Life Sciences, Cap Gemini
Head of IT Strategy, Novartis WW Clinical Development
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Chair of EMR Integration task force, EFPIA (2006-2008)
Member of the Board of Directors, CDISC (2007-2010)
Member of Management Board, SNOMED International (2020 - ...)
Vice-chair Steering Committee, MyData Global (2023 - ...)

Career path – Dr. Mireille

- ❖ Kicking off with cultural anthropology
- ❖ Deciding on law for pragmatic reasons
- ❖ Teaching criminal law at Leiden University
- ❖ PhD in history, anthropology and philosophy of law
- ❖ Working with CS folk on profiling
- ❖ Chair at CS department
- ❖ Research Chair at Law & Criminology Faculty
- ❖ ERC ADG on cusp of LAW and CS
- ❖ 23 edited volumes, 5 monographs, over 120 scientific papers



Career path – Dr. Mireille

- ❖ the course by Joest 't Hart
- ❖ internship ministry of justice (immigration policy)
- ❖ developing courses for master students of law
- ❖ running a socratic tutor system
- ❖ demanding, ruthless and inspiring PhD supervisors
- ❖ moving to an international research environment
- ❖ developing a course for master students of CS
- ❖ working hard, keeping course, nourishing passion

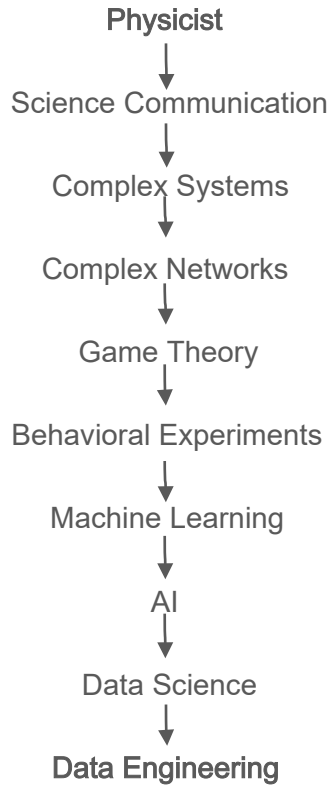
be kind - and bold



Career path – Cristiana

- ❖ always been an engineer at heart, I like to see how things work
- ❖ studying Management and Industrial Engineer at Politecnico in Milan
- ❖ analyst on a few projects to reorganize production department with my professor
- ❖ Moving soon to Information Technology without a real IT background
- ❖ Power Asset IT manager, Edison Italy
- ❖ Trading&Dispatching IT Manager, Edison, Italy
- ❖ Part of Innovation and Entrepreneurship program, EDF
- ❖ Growing as IT Demand Manager in the commercial department, Edison, Italy
- ❖ Combining family and career opportunities and moving to Brussels as IT Deputy Director Application Delivery, Luminus
- ❖ Focusing on Data and taking the responsibility of Data Transformation Program to become more Data Driven

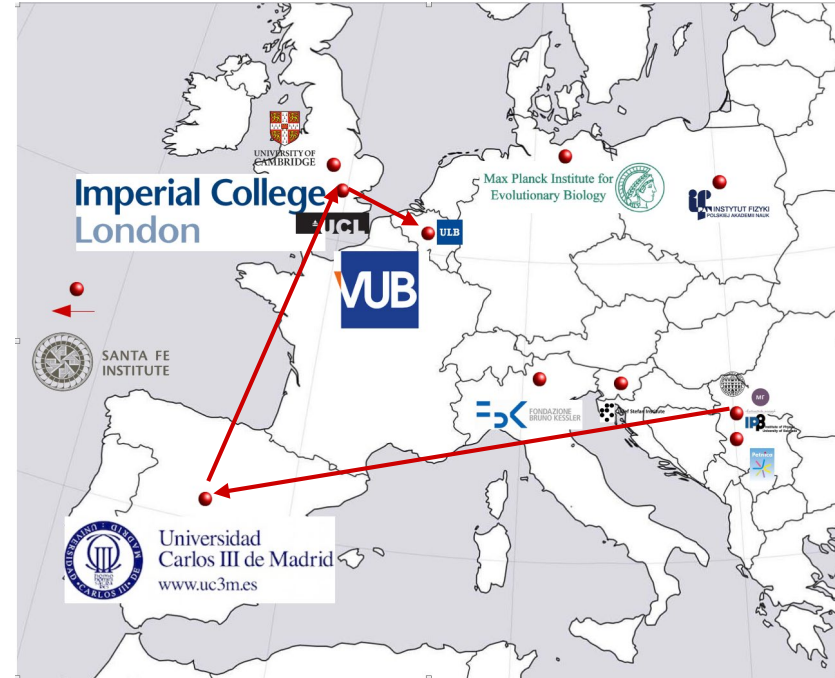
Career path – Jelena



Academia



Industry



Career path – Anabel

- ❖ Electromechanical engineer
- ❖ Interested in industry, mechanical systems, process improvements,...
- ❖ As part of Young Graduate Program, started experimenting with data science for a gas power plant in Belgium
- ❖ Now “Wind Expert”, combining data science with a deep understanding of wind turbine operation and mechanical its aspects.

Career path – Dr. Fadila

- ❖ Masters in computer science and information technology, technical university of Lodz, Poland
- ❖ Full stack developer, Fujitsu IT Technologies
- ❖ PhD in distributed learning, Maastricht University, the Netherlands
- ❖ IT specialist, Radiomics, Belgium
- ❖ Postdoc in federated learning for prostate imaging, NTNU, Norway
- ❖ Clinical research scientist, Median Technologies France

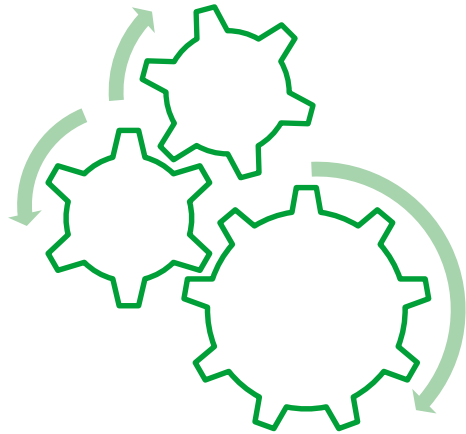
Question 1

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Ingredients for success!



- ❖ Which is the right attitude?
- ❖ Could you mention three important qualities?
- ❖ Which is the balance between technical and soft skills?



Ingredients for success! – Jelena

- ❖ Get the job done
- ❖ Sit at the table and speak up
- ❖ Don't be afraid to say “I don't know / I don't understand”
- ❖ Keep moving, keep learning



Ingredients for success! – Cristiana

- ❖ Work on your awareness, it's always a starting point for improvements
- ❖ A bit of self-irony
- ❖ Perseverance
- ❖ Ethic



Ingredients for success! – Mireille

- ❖ Passion and dedication
- ❖ Never take things for granted
- ❖ Curiosity: move out of your comfort zone
- ❖ Give yourself a break: develop your comfort zone
- ❖ Friendship, love, care outside work

Ingredients for success! – Isabelle

Success defined as Power

Manage perception

Success defined as Knowledge

Be curious and open;
keep challenging your brain

Vision

Focus

Tenacity

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*"Success is going from failure to failure
without losing enthusiasm." Churchill*



Question 2

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If you could change something about your job, what would it be?

- ❖ Is there any hidden benefit?
- ❖ Could we have it all?
- ❖ Family life and choices



If you could change something about your job, what would it be? - Fadila

- ❖ Bring more women to do the same job as mine
- ❖ Job is part of life not the opposite, one should set priorities in a way that creates a good work-personal life balance



If you could change something about your job, what would it be? - Isabelle

Family is first; family life can be organised
Trade off is between Social life and Work

Our family and the world evolve:
open mind & flexibility to change
strive to do what motivates you every morning



If you could change something about your job, what would it be? - Cristiana

- ❖ Having more women in my team: it brings inclusion, innovation, better performance and working atmosphere
- ❖ Family is first, some organization and help is needed.



If you could change something about your job, what would it be? - Anabel

- ❖ Keep more time for initiatives and testing ideas



Question 3

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