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TL;DR

I am a Senior Manager of Software Engineering at Diligent, leading two teams across interconnected projects and partnering with teams whose technical backgrounds and maturity vary widely.

I co-lead the Budapest AI Ambassador program, responsible for propagating knowledge to all engineering teams and helping AI Adoption through Ambassadors as representatives of each team.

I am deeply involved in recruitment organization-wide, and I led our internship program in 2025.

Beyond work hours, I have been running a monthly book club for three and a half years to help build our company culture.

AI LEADERSHIP & PRACTICE

Program and community leadership

- I co-lead the Budapest AI Ambassador program, responsible for propagating knowledge to all engineering teams and helping AI Adoption through Ambassadors as representatives of each team
- Contribute regularly to our in-house developer-experience team, building the AI-PDLC tooling published on the Diligent Marketplace
- Pilot our in-house AI product development orchestrator with both of my teams, and have done so since its inception

Tooling I have built

- Created the in-house LLM wiki knowledge base for our AI development life cycle
- Built automated agentic triage workflows
- Built automated PR review agents that run at scale across 3 teams and multiple projects
- Built a knowledge curator that lets teams review and consolidate the LLM wiki knowledge base

Hands-on practice

- Work daily in Cursor and Claude Code as an early adopter and power user of both
- Design agent harnesses and apply loop engineering to long-running agentic work
- Ship live, client-facing data feed applications built with AI workflows
- Build and ship mobile apps with AI workflows, from idea to App Store release

EXPERIENCE

Diligent

Budapest, Hungary · 02/2023 – Present

Senior Manager, Software Engineering · Diligent

09/2024 – Present

SaaS — Governance

- Oversee two engineering teams and a group of contractors — 8 direct reports today, down from a peak of 16, with AI transformation sustaining delivery at the smaller size
- Run multiple interconnected projects, collaborating closely with various other teams
- Deliver across greenfield, brownfield and legacy codebases, building cloud-native systems on AWS
- Apply AI both to the development process and to shipped product features
- Drive recruitment for my own teams and for the broader organization
- Led the internship program in 2025

Software Engineering Manager · Diligent

02/2023 – 09/2024

SaaS — Governance

- Built a cloud-native, greenfield platform consolidating and hosting tooling for research analysts
- Collaborated closely with multiple engineering and research teams

STACK Python, TypeScript, React, Node, AWS, PostgreSQL, DynamoDB

Dealogic

Budapest, Hungary · 05/2017 – 02/2023

Engineering Lead · Dealogic

01/2020 – 02/2023

SaaS — Finance

- Built web-based products for investment bankers and financial analysts
- Provided on-call support for production services

STACK C#, .NET, ASP.NET, MSSQL, Azure

Senior Software Engineer · Dealogic

04/2019 – 01/2020

SaaS — Finance

- Built a research automation platform as a greenfield, cloud-native project

STACK C#, .NET, ASP.NET, NoSQL, Azure

Software Engineer · Dealogic

05/2017 – 04/2019

SaaS — Finance

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Morgan Stanley

Budapest, Hungary · 02/2015 – 05/2017

Associate

Software Development — Investment Banking

- Gathered requirements and carried out research and analysis
- Developed and tested features, including test-scenario design
- Supported QA testing, release control and general production support

STACK Scala, Java, C#, Angular, Python, DB2, Teradata, Spring

Evosoft

Miskolc, Hungary · 11/2013 – 02/2015

Software Engineer

Supported ALM processes with custom Team Foundation Server applications

- Developed process templates in Windows Workflow Foundation
- Built Visual Studio extensions in WPF
- Wrote documentation and unit tests

EDUCATION

Bachelor's Degree in Software Information Technology

College of Nyíregyháza · 01/2010 – 01/2013

STRENGTHS

■ Detail-oriented ■ Outcome-driven ■ Open and curious