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Summary

Thomas Dübendorfer is president of Swiss ICT Investor Club (SICTIC) and holds a Ph.D. in computer science from ETH Zurich. In Silicon Valley and at Google in Zurich he has worked as a software engineer and tech lead. He holds several board positions, co-founded several startups and is an active angel investor in technology startups.

His areas of expertise include software engineering, Internet technologies, information security, IT and business strategy consulting, and seed investments.

For my startup portfolio, to learn more about me and how to engage with me, see: <https://thomas.duebendorfer.ch/>

I am looking for:

- Technology product startups based in Switzerland (even before incorporation). Please submit your pitch at: <http://www.sictic.ch/pitch>
- Business angels interested to directly invest in and work with Swiss technology driven startups (our network has more than 300 angel investors).
- Experienced software engineers and senior sales people that understand B2B Software and want to work for a Swiss tech startup in Switzerland

If we have never met in person, please contact me by email to thomas@duebendorfer.ch rather than by a connection request.

Experience

President and Founder

Swiss ICT Investor Club (SICTIC)

Sep 2014 - Present (5 years 9 months +)

The Swiss ICT Investor Club (SICTIC) is a Switzerland based Business Angel Club that connects smart money investors to seed and early stage Internet startups.

Member of the Board of Directors

Locatee – Uncover Workplace Insights

Aug 2015 - Present (4 years 10 months +)

Locatee provides solutions for analyzing and optimizing the utilization of corporate real estate.

Co-Founder / Investor / Member of the Board of Directors

Frontify

Apr 2013 - Present (7 years 2 months +)

Brand style guides, design-to-development workflows and visual collaboration.

Chairman

swissecurity.org

Apr 2012 - Present (8 years 2 months +)

The interest group swisssecurity.org facilitates the information exchange between the boards of non profit security organisations with activities in Switzerland.

Member of the Board of Directors

ServiceHunter AG - quitt.

Nov 2012 - Jul 2019 (6 years 9 months)

The service quitt.ch makes it easy for private households to employ cleaning personnel, babysitters etc. with peace of mind as it takes over all required administrative work, ensures proper insurance and social security, generates salary statements, fills in all forms for authorities and never forgets to pay in time.

I exited the company in July 2019 in a management buyout (MBO) transaction.

Associate Partner

CGZ Consulting Group Zurich, Inc

Jan 2016 - Sep 2018 (2 years 9 months)

Management consulting on business strategy with a special focus on the digital transformation products and services, innovation, startups, and security and privacy aspects of modern information and communication technologies. Member of the Core Team of the Swiss BuildTec Alliance <https://swissbuildtec.ch/> that runs roundtables, labs and conferences with decision makers of large corporates on security, interoperability and business cases for Internet of things (IoT) applied to the real estate industry.

Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) and Coach

Beekeeper

Dec 2014 - Dec 2017 (3 years 1 month)

Beekeeper is the white-label employee communications hub invented in Zurich, Switzerland that is trusted by enterprise customers around the globe. It increases employee engagement and helps to keep every employee including field workers informed. It runs as an app on smartphones, in Web browsers and on kiosk displays. From 12.2014 to 12.2016 I was Beekeeper's Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) and coach of the founders until end of 2017.

CTI Label - CCB Member

Commission for Technology and Innovation CTI / KTI

Sep 2013 - Dec 2017 (4 years 4 months)

The Swiss government fosters innovation by supporting Swiss high tech startups with research and development grants, startup coaching, the CTI label and some other forms of support. As an expert in the CTI Criteria Board (CCB) I was involved in due diligence of Swiss tech startups and awarded mature startups the CTI label, which helped them to find investors and customers.

FinTech Mentor

Kickstart Innovation

May 2016 - Nov 2017 (1 year 7 months)

From the very begin I was a selection day jury member and official FinTech startup mentor for the Kickstart Accelerator, which started as Europe's largest multi-corporate international technology accelerator with 30 startups per batch in 2016. It runs for 11 weeks Sep - Nov in Zurich and is accelerating Swiss and international startups. It is backed by digitalswitzerland with global partners AXA, Credit Suisse, UBS, Swisscom, Migros, EY and other large corporations. I mentored Veezoo (2016) and Price Hubble (2017).

ETH Lecturer

ETH Zürich

Sep 2007 - Sep 2017 (10 years 1 month)

I was teaching the lecture "Network Security" to computer science and electrical engineering students together with two other lecturers.



Co-Founder and Member of the Board of Directors

Contovista AG

May 2013 - Aug 2017 (4 years 4 months)

Contovista offers services for financial institutions and consumers based on financial data analysis. Exit to Aduno on August 2, 2017.



Member of the Board of Directors

TerraCom

Dec 2011 - Jun 2016 (4 years 7 months)

yes® Chief Technology Officer (CTO) and Founder

yes.com AG

Jun 2013 - May 2016 (3 years)

Yes Europe AG (formerly Paperless Inc.) offers services based on continuously updated verified identities and contacts. It facilitates among others paperless document exchange and services based on verified digital identities.



Lecturer

HWZ University of Applied Sciences in Business Administration Zurich

2014 - 2016 (3 years)

I taught a module of the CAS Brand Leadership.



Founder and Partner

Zeeder

May 2012 - Apr 2014 (2 years)

The Zurich based Zeeder [zē-dər] team had a focus on seed stage ICT startups. We reviewed one hundred ICT business proposals and co-founded two Swiss ICT startups: Frontify AG and Contovista AG.



Software Engineer and Tech Lead

Google

Jan 2006 - Mar 2013 (7 years 3 months)

As software engineer and tech lead I was driving projects for fraud prevention in Google's online advertisement systems Adwords and AdSense, contributed to the Google Dashboard, had the technical lead for two major privacy assurance engineering projects and bootstrapped Google's global privacy code audit program. I received three EMG/OC awards from the Google management for my work and got promoted to staff software engineer.



Founder

Spontacts

Dec 2010 - Jul 2012 (1 year 8 months)

The social discovery service Spontacts connects spontaneous people for joint activities. I helped the core team to get seed funding, grow the team and make Spontacts a success. It was acquired by Scout24 in 2012.



President

Information Security Society Switzerland (ISSS)

Sep 2007 - Apr 2012 (4 years 8 months)

ISSS connects more than 1000 information security professionals in Switzerland.

ETH PhD researcher

ETH Zürich

Oct 2001 - Dec 2005 (4 years 3 months)

Research on

- Worm detection in the Internet backbone
- Economic impact of distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks and spam
- Secure distributed Internet traffic control system



Researcher at Hewlett-Packard Labs

HP

2001 - 2001 (1 year)

Research in the field of ubiquitous and pervasive computing (internship).

Education

ETH ETH Zürich

Masters, Computer Science

Oct 1995 - Mar 2001

ETH ETH Zürich

PhD, Computer Science

2001 - 2005



ISC2 (<http://www.isc2.org/>)

CISSP, Security

Honors & Awards



BILANZ Top 100 Digital Shapers of Switzerland - BILANZ - Das Schweizer

Wirtschaftsmagazin

Oct 2016

BILANZ chose the top 100 people in Switzerland that shape the digital transformation.



BILANZ Top 100 Digital Shapers of Switzerland - BILANZ / digitalswitzerland

Oct 2018

Recognition as one of the top 100 people in Switzerland that shape the digital future. My core contribution was in the role as enabler, partly because I co-founded the Swiss ICT Investor Club (SICTIC) and helped to make it the most active angel club for tech startups as president of SICTIC and due to co-founding several software product startups.

Skills

Security • Software Engineering • Distributed Systems • Computer Science • Entrepreneurship • Start-ups • Venture Capital • Teaching • Web Applications • Information Security