

# Ritten Roothaert, MSc.

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## Employment History

- 2023 – . . . . .    **Ph.D. in Hybrid Intelligence**, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam  
Project title: *Hybrid Explainable Workflows for Security and Threat Intelligence*
- 2018 – 2024    **Teaching assistant**, University of Groningen / Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam  
Courses:
- (1x) Knowledge Representation on the Web - M.Sc.
  - (1x) Logical Aspects of Multi-Agent systems - M.Sc.
  - (1x) Behavioral Biology - B.Sc.
  - (2x) Artificial Intelligence 1 - B.Sc.
  - (2x) Object Oriented Programming - B.Sc.

## Education

- 2023 – . . . . .    **Ph.D. in Hybrid Intelligence, Vrije Universiteit**  
Project title: *Hybrid Explainable Workflows for Security and Threat Intelligence*
- 2020 – 2022    **M.Sc. Artificial Intelligence, University of Groningen**  
Thesis title: *Improving Data Assimilation Approach for Estimating CO<sub>2</sub> Surface Fluxes Using ML* (thesis - code). Average grade: 8.3
- 2016 – 2020    **B.Sc. Artificial Intelligence, University of Groningen**  
Thesis title: *Using reinforcement learning to fight forest fires: Comparing CMC with CoSyNE* (thesis - code). Average grade: 7.6

## Research Publications





### Conference Proceedings

- 1 S. Verkijk, R. Roothaert, R. Pernisch, and S. Schlobach, “Do you catch my drift? on the usage of embedding methods to measure concept shift in knowledge graphs,” in *Proceedings of the 12th Knowledge Capture Conference 2023*, ser. K-CAP ’23, Pensacola, USA: Association for Computing Machinery, 2023, pp. 70–74, ISBN: 9798400701412. DOI: 10.1145/3587259.3627555.

## Skills





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| Languages  | <b>Strong</b> reading, writing, and speaking competencies in English and Dutch.<br>Basic understanding of German, Norwegian, and Spanish. |
| Coding     | <b>Strong</b> Python, Java, RDF, SPARQL, $\LaTeX$ , HTML, CSS, JavaScript   |
| Frameworks | <b>Strong</b> ACT-R, GraphDB, rdflib, owlready2, PyTorch  |
| Misc.      | <b>Strong</b> Coaching, Teaching, Rowing, Agriculture, .git, Safe Microbial Techniques.   |

## Projects






- Machine Learning     ML approach on optimizing alpha-amylase production in *Saccharomyces spp.* (report - code)
-  Comparing different feature extraction techniques on time series classification with a feedforward neural network (report - code)
- Epistemic Logic     Modeling the Resistance game using epistemic logic (report - code)
- Multi-agent Systems     Modeling the spread of SARS-Cov-2 in public trains (report - code)

## Miscellaneous Experience






### Awards and Achievements

- 2024     **3rd place research task force project report**, International Semantic Web Summerschool (ISWS) 2024
- 2021     **1st prize over-graduate environmental track**, International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM) 2021.
-  **Top-10 over-graduate team**, International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM) 2021.
-  **4 other nominations, including Best Model**, International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM) 2021.

### Notable courses

- 2023     **Knowledge Representation on the Web**, Vrije Universiteit  
topics: *knowledge graphs, RDF, SPARQL, graph embeddings, semWeb*
- 2021     **Logical Aspects of Multi-agent systems**, university of Groningen  
topics: *(application of) epistemic logic, action models, belief systems*
-  **Machine Learning**, University of Groningen  
topics: *probability density functions, PCA, backpropagation/loss functions, feature extraction*
- 2020     **Deep Learning**, University of Groningen  
topics: *CNNs, RNNs, encoder-decoder systems, GANs, optimizers*
- 2019     **Advanced Logic**, University of Groningen  
topics: *modal logic, analytical tableaux, FOL*

### Extracurricular activities

- 2024-     **General chair Computer Science PhD Council**. Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
- 2021     **Team member iGEM Groningen 2021**. University of Groningen.  
roles:
- Drylab manager
  - Treasurer
  - Human Practice team member
- 2018-2019     **Lightweight rowing coach**. A.G.S.R. Gyas.
- 2015-2018     **Lightweight rower**. A.G.S.R. Gyas.
- 2015     **Lightweight rower**. D.R.V. Euros.