

# Melinda Seckington

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## PROFILE

I am passionate about blogging, having run MissGeeky.com for the past 3 years. Highly involved in the London Tech community, organizing events as the London Geek Dinners and BarCampLondon.

Degree in Computer Science (Media & Knowledge Engineering), specializing in Pattern Recognition and Artificial Intelligence. Experience in support vector machines, dynamic Bayesian networks and neural networks. Interested in web development, blogging and social media.

## EXPERIENCE

BARCAMLONDON, 2009-NOW

### Co-Organizer and Head of Sponsorship

Having attended BarCamps since 2007, I got involved in the organization of BarCampLondon7 last year. I took care of securing sponsorships and worked closely with brands and companies to ensure their presence at the event.

GEEKS OF LONDON (LONDON GEEK DINNERS), 2008-NOW

### Co-Organizer

In 2008 I took over the organization of the London Geek Dinners, a monthly event for the London Tech community. I was in charge of the arranging speakers, securing venues, food and sponsorship, and promoting the events through social media. Beginning of 2010, the event was rebranded to Geeks of London to allow spinoffs meet-ups, like movie screenings and quizzes.

MISSGEEKY.COM, 2007-NOW

### Writer, Editor and Social Media Expert

In 2007 I founded MissGeeky.com, a blog about all things geeky. Since then it has grown to a readership of 25,000 per month. I am often invited to cover tech conferences, movie screenings and press conferences, and have participated in multiple online conference call interviews.

DELFT UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, 2004-2006

### Teaching Assistant

For three years I was a teaching assistant for several courses and faculties. This included "Introduction Software Design" and "Knowledge-Based Systems" to Computer Science students, "Java Programming" to Aerospace Engineering and Systems Engineering, Policy Analysis and Management Engineering students, and "Programming in Delphi" to Marine Technology and Mechanical Engineering students.

## EDUCATION

DELFT UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, 2005-NOW

**MSc Media & Knowledge Engineering**

Thesis: Design and implementation of a spontaneous vs. posed based facial expressions/ emotion recognition system using Dynamic Bayesian Networks.

DELFT UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, 2002-2006

**BSc Computer Science - Specialization Media & Knowledge Engineering**

Thesis: "The Olf Project: A new approach to e-lecture systems providing a better online assessment and provision of appropriate feedback."

## SKILLS

### LANGUAGES

- English (Native)
- Dutch (Native)

### PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

- Java (Good)
- Matlab (Very Good)
- Ruby on Rails (Fair)
- C++ (Fair)

### HOBBIES

- Professional photography
- Attending BarCamps, HackDays and other tech events
- Pervasive gaming