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Curriculum Vitae

Ariadi Nugroho was born in Blitar, east Java – Indonesia on September 27, 1979. He obtained his bachelor degree in Informatics Engineering from AKPRIND Institute of Science and Technology in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. After two years working in several IT companies in Indonesia, he decided to pursue a graduate study in the Netherlands. Amongst the three universities in the Netherlands (TU Delft, Utrecht University, Leiden University) that had accepted his application, Ariadi considered the ICT in Business program in Leiden University best fitted to his interests and ambitions. He started his master program in ICT in Business in 2004 and graduated in 2006. During this master program he received scholarships from Nuffic (Delta Scholarship) and Leiden University. Ariadi's research interest has been in the area of software modeling: he completed his master program with a thesis titled Modeling Web Service Orchestration with Paradigm (Paradigm is a coordination language developed at LIACS) under the supervision of Dr. Luuk Groenewegen. After finishing his master study, Ariadi immediately continued with his PhD research that focused on investigating the benefits of UML modeling in software development. His PhD research was funded by the STW under the umbrella of the FINESSE project. He was appointed as a PhD researcher at Leiden Institute of Advanced Computer Science (LIACS) and was supervised by Dr. Michel R.V. Chaudron. As part of his research, Ariadi worked on a part-time basis at Logica (www.logica.com), from which he obtained most of the empirical data used in his research. During his PhD research, Ariadi has co-authored several papers in peer-reviewed international publications. His workshop paper entitled "On the Relation between Class Size and Modeling Effort" received a best paper award at the Model Size Metrics Workshop in Nashville, Tennessee - USA, in 2007. He also received two best paper awards from ACM SIGSOFT and Springer at the MODELS conference in Toulouse, France, for a paper that reports on a novel method for assessing the quality of UML models. In addition to his research activities, Ariadi was responsible for Teaching Assistant for the Requirement Engineering and Software Engineering courses at LIACS.

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