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languages

new languages?, not my thing

hobbies

soccer plus me: no-go

last failure

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anti resumé statement

We live in a world in which we witness perfection and success daily. We listen to motivational and inspirational speeches and read the how-to on successful business ideas. But we do know little about failure, disappointment and sometimes even tears that lie hidden somewhere.

Recently, I read the cv of failures of Johannes Haushofer. I started thinking about my own track and thought I would do the same with mine. Plenty of times, I have questioned myself and wondered what I was doing wrong, or what I was lacking and missing that was not taking me to the level of those others whom I considered my reference of success.

Here goes an incomplete list of my failures in life so far. Unfortunately, I rely on memory to make such list (yes, the list is long...), therefore only notable failures are listed as I remember them.

For the record, I am glad and proud of every single item in the list because as Henry Ford said, "failure is only the opportunity to begin again, only this time more wisely".

Let's keep failing, shall we? :)

during my years as an undergraduate

2008	**B.Eng. in Computer Science** (Systems)	University of Valladolid, Spain
	Failed the two mandatory courses of "Automata Theory and Formal Languages" four times each and in a row. Failed one of the courses on "Software Engineering" twice in a row of course.	
2010	**M.Eng. in Telecommunications**	University of Valladolid, Spain
	Started in the final years of my B.Eng. thinking I could master it. I dropped it two years after.	

that time I was applying for Ph.D...

2010-2011	**Ph.D. in Computer Science**	Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden
	Four applications to the Department of Computer Science and Engineering... four rejections	
2010-2011	**Ph.D. in Computer Science**	KTH Institute of Technology, Sweden
	Seven applications to the Departments of High Performance Computing, Theoretical Computer Science, Human-Computer Interaction and Laboratory of Communications Network... six rejections	
2010-2011	**Ph.D. in Computer Science**	Uppsala University, Sweden
	Four applications to the Department of Information Technology and Centre of Image Analysis... four rejections	

awards, grants, scholarships I did not get

2010	**Research fellowship for university vocational training**	Spain
	I did not reach the minimum grade for the first round of this prestigious grant to do Ph.D in Spain.	
2006	**Project's grant: ``Applications' development for UVa smart-card''**	University of Valladolid, Spain
	I did not get a renewal on the grant I got for the university-wide smart-card project financed by Banco Santander.	