

CĂTĂLIN-ALEXANDRU RÎPANU

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Relevant Education

POLYTECHNIC University of Bucharest

September 2020 – July 2024

Faculty of Automatic Control and Computers

Bucharest, Romania

- Earned a **Bachelor's Degree** in Computer Science & Engineering achieving a **GPA** of 9.805 / 10.00 (or 3.92 / 4.00).
- Relevant **coursework**: Artificial Intelligence, Quantum Computing, Machine Learning, Data Structures and Algorithm Design, Numerical Methods, Formal Languages and Automata Theory, Programming Paradigms, Computer Networking, Computer Architectures, Parallel and Distributed Programming, Operating Systems Design, x86 Assembly Programming

Relevant Work Experience

POLYTECHNIC University of Bucharest

February 2022 – September 2024

University Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

Bucharest, Romania

- Taught students **Programming & Mathematical subjects** to deepen their **understanding** of computer internals.
- Assisted in grading student projects and served as an invigilator alongside professors during midterms and final exams.
- Aided with creating offline and online laboratory content using **Docusaurus**, an open-source static website generator.

Personal Projects

(Research) QRKT-GAN: Neural ODE Generative Network with Quantum Transformers | *Quantum* July 2024

- Implemented using **Pytorch**, **Jax** and **Flax** a *Generative neural network with Quantum* tested on 32x32 **real images**.
- Created a Variational Quantum Circuit in **TensorCircuit**, harnessing **Quantum Entanglement** through Bell states.
- Designed a Quantum Transformer Neural Architecture that leverage Runge-Kutta Numerical Methods for better scores.
- Evaluated and compared it alongside a *model* presented at **NeurIPS 2021**, showing promising results in Quantum AI.

2016 Halite Bot | *Algorithm Design and Analysis, OOP, C++, Machine Learning*

May 2022

- Implemented in **C++** a *Halite bot* using a **Runtime Engine** integrated within a **Framework** given by the organisers.
- Processed in a **Greedy** way the cells with the highest scores first in order to be able to conserve the bot strength score.
- Developed a **logic** such that if a border cell cannot attack, it will look for a neighboring cell with which it can combine.
- Implemented a **surplus strength** redistribution algorithm that evenly allocates excess power score to neighboring cells.

COOL Compiler with ANTLR Generator | *Lexer, Parser, Code Generation, OOP, Java, MIPS, COOL*

Feb 2024

- Developed a **Java-based Compiler** for an Object-Oriented Programming language, incorporating **basic inheritance**.
- Designed **Lexical Analysis** utilizing **ANTLR4.13** to construct a grammar that accurately recognizes language tokens.
- Defined Resolution and Definition Pass traversals using **Visitor** Pattern for creating Syntactic and Semantic Analyzers.
- Developed Code Generation for translating any COOL code into MIPS Assembly. Used the *SPIM* Simulator for testing.

IoT Platform using Microservices for Time Series | *MQTT, Grafana, Portainer, Kong, CI/CD, Flask*

June 2024

- Implemented a *Platform* for manipulating Numerical Data coming from a large number of Internet of Things devices.
- Deployed **Grafana** in a Docker environment to visualize data and gain analytical insights through edited dashboards.
- Utilized **Portainer** in Docker Swarm to **monitor** Load Balancing effects of container **replicas** using **multiple** nodes.
- Employed **GitLab's CI/CD** for further comprehending builds & tests automation and software development practices.

Extracurricular Activities

3DPUB Summer School

June 2022

2nd Year Student

Bucharest, Romania

- Attended in five **Gameloft workshops** gaining deeper knowledge of **Computer Vision** and **Fast Game Development**.
- Acquired useful **insights** in implementing **Multiplayer** features and **Artificial Intelligence** for contemporary games.

Awards

National Student Mathematics Competition "Traian Lalescu"

November 2021

2nd Year Contestant

Transilvania University of Brasov, Romania

- Earned **honorable mention** in the **Complex Analysis** section at the **National phase** of the mathematics competition.

Skills

Technical Skills

- Intermediate Knowledge: Data Structures, Algorithms, C/C++, Python, Java, Networking, Numpy, Pandas, Seaborn
- Basic Knowledge: Pytorch, TensorFlow, Flax, TensorFlow Quantum, DevOps, CUDA, REST API, Flask, SQL, *React*

Languages

- Romanian: Native Speaker
- English: Professional Level
- French: Good Command