

Caterina Bonan

PhD in Linguistics | Junior NLP Engineer

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SELECTED EXPERIENCE

AICORE | DATA AND AI TRAINEE

May 2022 – Present | London, UK

Training in AI & Data Engineering using industry-standard tools. Working on multiple industry projects throughout.

- Skills: Software engineering (Git & GitHub, advanced Python, algorithms & data structures); Data engineering (SQL, data lakes, data warehousing, web scraping); Cloud Engineering (cloud computing, designing/building APIs, Docker, Apache Airflow, AWS Serverless Stack).

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE | POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER

September 2019 – Current | Cambridge, UK

Postdoctoral research on comparative Romance syntax. Worked on 30+ standard and non-standard varieties throughout. Published 8 peer-reviewed research articles, 2 edited volumes and 1 research monograph. Awarded a SNSF 'PostDoc.mobility' scholarship twice.

- Tools: Excel for data analysis and visualisation, Python, Matplotlib, HF Transformers, SQL, LaTeX, VS code, Microsoft Word and Power Point.
- Links to scientific writing samples: **Cadernos**, **IOS Press**, **Glossa**, **Isogloss**.

UNIVERSITÉ DE GENÈVE | RESEARCH ASSISTANT

September 2015 – August 2019 | Geneva, CH

Fully-funded doctoral research as part of the SNSF-funded 'Wh-in situ in French interrogatives: Prosody and Syntax' research group. Worked on standard and non-standard French, and 50+ northern Italian varieties. Published 3 research articles, 1 co-edited volume, and a PhD dissertation.

- Tools: Excel for data analysis and visualisation, Python, Praat, LaTeX, Microsoft Word and Power Point.

EXPERIENCE THROUGH PROJECTS

FB MARKETPLACE RECOMMENDATION RANKING SYSTEM | PYTHON, PYTORCH, AWS, EKS.

Repo: [aicore-recommendation-ranking-system](#)

- Currently training a model that works with images and text to make recommendations to potential buyers based on their demographic information;
- Will host the app on EKS to orchestrate the containers that maintain/retrain the model.

USING NLP TO CREATE SPOKEN CORPORA | PYTHON, SELENIUM, NLTK, PYTORCH.

Repo: [spoken-french-scraping-pipeline](#)

- Currently developing a module that scrapes text and audio data and saves them locally.
- The audio data will be transcribed, tokenised and tagged using NLTK and PyTorch.

WEB SCRAPING PIPELINE | PYTHON, SELENIUM, DOCKER, GITHUB ACTIONS.

Repo: [aicore-web-scraping-pipeline](#)

- Developed a module that scrapes data to upsert information to a database;
- Pushed an image of the containerised application in a CI/CD pipeline that performs unit testing and deploys the image to an EC2 instance.

IMAGE CLASSIFIER FOR FLOWER RECOGNITION | PYTHON, TENSORFLOW.

Repo: [udacity-image-classifier](#)

- Python image classification application that runs from the command line.
- The application trains a deep learning model on the 102 Category Flower Dataset, and uses it to classify images of flowers.

COMPUTER VISION APPLICATION | PYTHON, TEACHABLE MACHINE, OPENCV

Repo: [aicore-computer-vision](#)

- Trained a computer vision model and used Tensorflow to detect whether Rock, Paper or Scissors is shown to the camera in real-time and with a high accuracy
- Used the OpenCV library to access the webcam and play Rock Paper Scissors with the computer using the image from the camera

SKILLS

PROGRAMMING

Intermediate:

Python (>2y) • LaTeX (>5y)

Familiar:

Java (>1y) • HTML (<1y)

LIBRARIES/FRAMEWORKS

OpenCV • TensorFlow • Selenium
PyTorch • pandas • Matplotlib
NLTK • SpeechRecognition •
PyDub • spaCy • polyglot

TOOLS/PLATFORMS

Git • GitHub • Docker • SQL

LINGUISTIC RESEARCH

Syntax, Documentation, Data
modelling, IPA, Praat.

EDUCATION

PHD IN LINGUISTICS

UNIVERSITÉ DE GENÈVE

December 2015 - May 2019

MA IN SCIENCE OF LANGUAGE

UNIVERSITÀ CA' FOSCARI VENEZIA

October 2011 - June 2013

BA IN SCIENCE OF LANGUAGE

UNIVERSITÀ CA' FOSCARI

September 2008 - October 2011

CERTIFICATES

AiCore

September 2022 - November 2022

Software Engineer Certificate.

Udacity

March 2022 - October 2022

Programming in Python for AI.

DATA CAMP

October 2022 - Present

NLP in Python Skill Track.

AiCORE

May 2022 - September 2022

Python Programmer Certificate.

UNIVERSITÉ DE GENÈVE

December 2015 - December 2017

Specialisation in Linguistics.

CURIOSITIES

I'm a retired pro volleyball player, and since 2015 I have attracted research funds for more than 400.000chf (about £375.000).