Steven Chiacchira

Summary

Self-starting, detail-oriented AI and Machine Learning Engineer with 3+ years of experience. Focused on people over processes and impact over theory. Strongly motivated by challenging problems.

Education

Master's Degree in Computer Science

May 2025

• Master of Science from Miami University

4.0 GPA | summa cum laude

• Bachelor of Science from Miami University

- 4.0 GPA | summa cum laude
- Minor in mathematics. 2 years of Mandarin and chemical engineering study

Work Experience

ML Engineer @ The Laboratory of AI Security Research

Nov 2022 - May 2025

- Led laboratory artificial intelligence and computer vision projects. Mentored two new engineers
- Published COMPSAC paper on a novel Python framework for mutating Tensorflow autoencoders
- Published AiR-TK: a collation of attack and defense algorithms for image models to PyPI
- Devised three probabilistic immunization algorithms for defending against deepfake-style attacks
- Proposed, designed, maintained build systems, software tooling, and continuous integrations

Data Science Intern @ Textron Aviation

Jun 2024 - Aug 2024

- Led team Bayesian statistical inquiry. Found factor correlated to 100% increase in aircraft sales
- Presented team findings to upper management, regularly communicated expectations
- Deployed and maintained Azure Data Factory pipelines. Implemented data quality policies
- Proposed and led Apache Spark deployment to analyze petabytes of aircraft sensor data on Linux
- Convinced senior engineers to adopt Docker, wrote deployment documentation

Machine Learning Intern @ ACT Inc.

Jun 2023 - Aug 2023

- Applied NLP techniques to candidate reading passages, reducing labor costs by 50%
- Developed web scraping tools to collect data from hundreds of news websites for free
- Collaborated with nontechnical employees to build Qt GUIs over multiple sprints
- Completely eliminated server costs by implementing a distributed database using Git and Python

Projects and Skills

- Reinforcement Learning: Trained neural network to play videogame from live pixel data
- PyTorch, Skimage, Sklearn: Designed deep neural network for identifying roads from satellites
- Machine Learning, Data Preprocessing: Led team monitoring Amazon rainforest deforestation
- Python, Web APIs, YAML: Built a Discord dice bot supporting unique mechanics for RPG nights
- Linux, Docker, Git: Built a makefile-based system for deploying configurations to Linux systems
- **SQL, C++, Multithreading**: Implemented parallelized SQL language parser and server
- Rust, Technical Writing: Proposed and implemented novel encryption scheme using automata
- C#.NET, MAUI, UX: Designed and built recipe planning app using C# MAUI
- Javascript, CSS, Docker: Led team to design multiplayer online game with ExpressJS and Docker
- Mathematics, Problem Solving: Placing member of Miami University's Putnam Competition team
- Experienced with optimization techniques, statistical techniques, analysis techniques
- Collaboration, Agile Methodology: Certified ICAgile professional
- Public Speaking: Developed and presented curriculum to hundreds of concurrent students
- Licensed ham radio operator. Callsign KF8CAL

Honors and Awards

Miami University President's List

2020 - 2025

2020 - 2024

Licking County's recipient of Miami University Governor's Scholarship National Merit Scholar

2020