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*"Background in Math & Physics"*

## Summary

Expert Data Scientist and Developer with background in math and physics. Extensive experience creating real world applications and open source projects. Expert on several frameworks, including TensorFlow, Keras, scikit-learn and Spark. Extremely passionate about programming, deep learning, and deep reinforcement learning. Member of Toptal: top 3% of the developer talent in the world.

## Experience

### Kiwi Campus

Berkeley

LEAD DATA SCIENTIST

Current

Lead Data Scientist and Deep Learning developer for autonomous driving delivery robots. Used Deep Learning techniques like CNNs and RNNs for autonomous control, with technologies such as TensorFlow, ROS, Jupyter, Flask.

### Bigbang Media

Los Angeles, CA

LEAD ENGINEER IN COMPUTER VISION

Current

Developed various Deep Learning models for tasks like Image Classification for Video Analysis and Face Recognition using Distributed Tensorflow, TPUs, and Dataflow.

### Toptal

International

TOPTAL DEVELOPER

Since 2017

Toptal connects the top 3 % of freelance talent all over the world. [Profile](#)

### Brandon Logan

Palo Alto

AI Advisor

2017

Advised and helped developed some of the core feature of an AI-assisted design platform with technologies such as TensorFlow, Spark, Hadoop, Jupyter, Flask and Docker.

### BD Guidance

Colombia

DATA SCIENTIST

2016

Data Scientist: Designed the curriculum of various Data Science/ML courses. Evaluated various IoT platforms. Investigated technologies such a TensorFlow and OpenCV to run ML algorithms in IoT devices.

### Senseta

Medellin, Colombia

DATA SCIENTIST

2016

Developed a Linux and Windows python application for HR software to measure employee productivity. Cleaned and analyzed large datasets using Spark and Zeppelin. Created a service in Python for Entity extracting using NLTK. Created a generic ML prediction service using Scikit Learning and Flask

### PTK

Colombia

MATHEMATICAL DEVELOPER

2015

Researched on strategies to optimize pickup planning in warehouses. Researched on technologies to create scalable multi-tenant software

### AristaDev

Colombia

COFOUNDER - DEVELOPER

2014

Cofounder and main developer on an Augmented Reality platform. I developed the mobile client and backend of Arista using technologies such as Unity3D, Elixir, Docker, Nginx, and PostgreSQL.

## Open Source Projects Developed

### Phi

Phi library for functional programming in Python that intends to remove as much of the pain as possible from your functional programming experience in Python.

#### DATASET

[dataset](#) is a Bash and Python library that helps you download popular, organize and process popular machine learning datasets. Its goal is to make readily available as many ML datasets as possible to users of any language. For Python users it also had the added benefits of exposing an interface to access the training-set and test-set as pandas dataframes or numpy arrays, and also random batch generators of the previous for large datasets.

#### CYBRAIN

[CyBrain](#) Neural Networks in Cython, inspired by PyBrain, but focused on speed.

#### TFINTERFACE

[tfinterface](#) is a high-level neural network API that tries to reduce the common tasks in building, training and evaluating neural networks, written in coco and python and build on top of TensorFlow. A light wrapper over TensorFlow that enables you to easily create complex deep neural networks using the Builder Pattern through a functional fluent immutable API

## Areas of Interest

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Deep Learning/Neural Networks, Artificial Intelligence, Optimization/Heuristics, Mathematical Modelling, Agent-based Simulation, Network Analysis, Functional Programming, Distributed Systems

## Languages

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English C1, Spanish Native

## Programming Tools

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**Programming Languages** Python: 6+ years, Matlab: 6+ years, Mathematica : 3+ years, C#: 2+ years, Elixir: 2+ years, JavaScript: 1+ years, Dart: 1+ years, Cython: 1+ years, C, Haskell, Java, Lisp, Scala

## Tools/Frameworks

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**Data Science:** [Tensorflow](#) (python), [Scikit Learn](#) (python), [Pandas](#), [Numpy](#), [NetworkX](#) (python), [Spark](#) (scala/python), [AnyLogic](#) (java)

**Development:** [Phoenix Framework](#) (elixir), [Flask](#) (python), [Graphine](#) (graphql + python), [Git](#), [Unity3D](#) (c#), [PostgreSQL](#), [MongoDB](#), [RethinkDB](#)

## Community

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### Organization/Groups

- Co-founder of [Machine Learning Colombia](#)
- Co-founder of [Machine Learning Meetup Medellin](#)
- Founder of [colomb-ia](#)

## Talks/Conferences

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- Deep Learning for Autonomous Vehicles at [Rockstar Data Scientist - Medellin 2017](#)
- Deep Learning with TensorFlow at [Machine Learning Meetup Medellin](#)
- Introduction to Spark at [Machine Learning Meetup Medellin](#)
- Deep Learning & TensorFlow at [Big Data & Data Science Bogotá](#)
- Deep Learning with TensorFlow at [pataconf](#)
- Introduction to Deep Learning with TensorFlow at [PyCon Colombia](#)
- Scalable Deep Learning with TensorFlow at [ScaleConf Colombia](#)
- TensorFlow for Developers at [Machine Learning Meetup Medellin](#)

## Personal Projects

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- Basic ConvNet for the German Traffic Signs Dataset
- SqueezeNet with Batch Normalization on TensorFlow
- An implementation DenseNet with ELU layers on TensorFlow