

# Kyle Simpson

## Résumé

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Kyle Simpson is a Research Associate in the Networked Systems Research Laboratory at the School of Computing Science, University of Glasgow. His research focusses on the use of programmable dataplane technology to make tomorrow's networks smarter and more adaptive, such as how they can enable reinforcement learning and other data-driven techniques in the dataplane. He has previously acted as an affiliate and research intern at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.

## University Education

- since 2017 **PhD Degree in Computing Science**, *University of Glasgow*, Scotland  
Supervisor: Prof. Dimitrios P. Pazaros  
Thesis: *Online Learning on the Programmable Dataplane*
- 2012–2017 **MSci Degree in Computing Science**, *University of Glasgow*, Scotland

## Skills

- **Tech:** Embedded SmartNIC programming, eBPF, XDP, and DPDK.
- **Languages:** Rust, C, Javascript, Java, Go, C++, SQL, and Python.

## Awards and Scholarships

- 2022 **NOMS 2022 Student Travel Grant**, \$500
- 2020 **CoNEXT 2020 Registration Grant**, \$80
- 2017 **EPSRC PhD Scholarship**, approx. £63,500  
Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) funded PhD (3.5 years) at the University of Glasgow.
- 2015–2017 **Class Prizes**, £100 ea  
Awarded to the student with the highest GPA in **Level 3** (18.8/22.0), **Hons** (20.7/22.0), and **MSci** (20.3/22.0)

## Publications

- 2022** [1] **Kyle A. Simpson** and Dimitrios P. Pazaros. "Revisiting the Classics: Online RL in the Programmable Dataplane". In: *2022 IEEE/IFIP Network Operations and Management Symposium, NOMS 2022, Budapest, Hungary, April 25-29, 2022*. CORE 2021 Ranking: B. IEEE, 2022, pp. 1–10.
- 2021** [2] **Kyle A. Simpson** and Dimitrios P. Pazaros. "Poster: Online RL in the pro-

grammable dataplane with OPaL”. In: *CoNEXT’21: The 17th International Conference on emerging Networking EXperiments and Technologies, Virtual Event, Munich, Germany, December 7–10, 2021*. CORE 2021 **Ranking: A**. ACM, 2021, pp. 471–472.

- 2020** [3] **Kyle A. Simpson**, Richard Cziva, and Dimitrios P. Pezaros. “Seiðr: Data-plane Assisted Flow Classification Using ML”. In: *IEEE Global Communications Conference, GLOBECOM 2020, Virtual Event, Taiwan, December 7–11, 2020*. CORE 2020 Ranking: B. IEEE, 2020, pp. 1–6.
- [4] **Kyle A. Simpson**, Simon Rogers, and Dimitrios P. Pezaros. “Per-Host DDoS Mitigation by Direct-Control Reinforcement Learning”. In: *IEEE Trans. Netw. Serv. Manag.* 17.1 (2020). SJR **Ranking: Q1**, pp. 103–117.
- 2017** [5] Ciaran McCreesh, Patrick Prosser, **Kyle Simpson**, and James Trimble. “On Maximum Weight Clique Algorithms, and How They Are Evaluated”. In: *Principles and Practice of Constraint Programming - 23rd International Conference, CP 2017, Melbourne, VIC, Australia, August 28 - September 1, 2017, Proceedings*. CORE 2017 **Ranking: A**. 2017, pp. 206–225.