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# **PROJECTS**

#### **SENTINEL BOT**

Twitter account which posts a Sentinel-2 satellite image every hour | twitter.com/sentinel\_bot

#### **PERSONAL BLOG**

Details aspects of my research, with explanations and tutorials | jamesoconnorkingston.wordpress.com

#### **SAT GIFFER**

Simple web app for making satellite gifs |

github.com/JamesOConnor/sat\_giffer

## **EXPERTISE**

Python

Web Development (Django)

GIS/Mapping

Docker

Kubernetes

Predictive Modelling

Scikit-learn

Tensor Flow

OpenCV

Image Processing

Data Science

Databases

# LINKS

LinkedIn://jamesoconnor12 Github://JamesOConnor Twitter://James\_O\_Connor1 Wordpress://jamesoconnorkingston Website://jp-oconnor.com Kaggle://jamesOc

# **SKILLS**

#### **COMPUTING**

Languages

Python • Linux • Django • Javascript •

Imagemagick • MSSQL • git

Software packages

Microsoft office • PyCharm IDE •

ArcGIS/QGIS

# LANGUAGES

English (Native) Spanish (Fluent) French (Basic)

## **EDUCATION**

## KINGSTON UNIVERSITY LONDON | PHD CANDIDATE

September 2014 - Present | London, UK

Thesis entitled 'Optimisation of aerial surveying from Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)'. Used custom image processing techniques developed using python OpenCV and photogrammetric packages for generation of detailed 3D data using Structure-from-Motion (SfM) photogrammetry.

# UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON | REMOTE SENSING MASTERS |

DISTINCTION

September 2013 - September 2014 | London, UK

Thesis investigated the accuracy of a radiative transfer model (Joint Research Council's two-stream inversion package). Used large amounts of satellite data (MODIS) for comparison using custom python scripts.

#### TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN | BACHELOR OF SCIENCE | 2:1

September 2006 - September 2010 | Dublin, Ireland

Thesis investigated biodiversity of urban pollinators in Dublin city centre and methods for promoting diversity. Fieldwork skills in generating data for Environmental Impact Assessments.

## **EXPERIENCE**

### **EARTH OBSERVATION DATA SCIENTIST - KISANHUB**

February 2018 - present

Interacted with multiple external APIs for provisioning of satellite imagery from different sources for KisanHub's web application. Automated image processing pipelines to deliver processed data via a microservice. Trained and tested models to provide more accurate feedback on land-surface state. Followed AGILE methodologies for software development.

#### **RSPSOC SENSED EDITOR**

June 2015 - present

Have sat in council meetings and engaged in discussions on how to grow the society. Organised and ran a 3 day conference at Kingston in March 2017 as part of my duties. SENSED is a quarterly magazine produced by the society, of which I am an editor.

## **DEVELOPER - QUARTZ SYNDICATE**

November 2015 - November 2017

Used python scikit-learn toolbox to train models in prediction of outcomes of sporting events. Specific tools include logistic regression, tree-based learners (LightGBM) and tensor-flow neural networks to refine predictions.

# **PAPERS**

2017 Cameras and settings for aerial surveys in the geosciences: optimizing image data Progress in Physical Geography - Link to paper

# SOCIETIES

2014 - Present Remote Sensing and Photogrammetry Society

2016 - Present European Geophysical Union