

# Kale-ab Tessera

### **Machine Learning Practitioner**



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# About me ———

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# Skills -

Machine Learning and AI

Spring

**ASP.NET MVC & .NET CORE** 

C#

Java

SQL,NoSQL

Python

Amazon AWS

React, Redux

(\*)[The skill scale is from 0 (Fundamental Awareness) to 6 (Good Understanding).]

# Education

### **Msc in Computer Science**

2018 - 2019

9 University of Witwatersrand

Research

 $Reinforcement\ Learning,\ AutoML,\ Neural\ Network\ Architecture.$ 

Coursework - 86% First year Average.

Robotics, Reinforcement Learning, Adaptive Computation and Machine Learning, High Performance Computer and Scientific Data Management, Artificial Intelligence, Large Scale Optimization for Data Science.

### **Honours in Computer Science, Cum Laude**

2016 - 2016

University of Pretoria

Honours in Computer Science.

### **B.Sc. Computer Science**

2013 - 2015

University of Pretoria

The BSc (CS) degree emphasises the understanding of computer science fundamentals by offering a wide variety of computer science and mathematics courses.

#### **PEPPS College**

IEB Private School.

2008 - 2012

Polokwane

### Research Committees

Black in AI 2017,2018

Reviewed papers in Machine Learning.

# Summer Schools

**Deep Learning Indaba** 

2017,2018.

One week intensive Summer School covering state of the art techniques in Machine Learning and AI.

### Honours and Awards

2019	Postgraduate Merit Award	University of Witwatersrand
	Was awarded a Postgraduate Merit Award	based on academic merit.

2017 Academic Honorary Colours University of Pretoria

Was awarded Academic Honorary Colours by the Student Representative Council of the University of Pretoria.

2016 **Honours Cum Laude** University of Pretoria

80.75 % Average for Honours in Computer Science.

2015 Amazon Prize for Best Mobile Application - COS 301 Final Year Software Engineering Project

Droject involved creating a v

Project involved creating a website and Mobile App that uses Computer Vision to automatically identify and tag species of Stink Bugs.

2013-2015 Golden Key Honour Society

Was selected to join the Golden Key Honour Society as a result of being in the top 15% of my degree.

2015 Merit Certificate for Leadership

I received this reward for leadership during my time as a House Committee member at House Boekenhout.

2012 Matric Academics

Notable achievements include being in the Top 1% of IEB IT Matric Students and receiving 7 Distinctions with an average of 87%.

2012 **Deputy-Head Boy** 

Was selected as deputy-head boy of my school in my matric year.

2012 Academic Honours and Cultural Colours

Academic Honours were awarded for receiving Academic Colours (average above 80%) three years in a row. Cultural colours were awarded for excellence in various cultural activities such as chess and newspaper editing.



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### Experience

### **Machine Learning Specialist**

April 2019 - Present Multichoice

Applied Machine Learning in the Customer Operations department.

### **Intermediate Software Engineer**

Oct 2017 - March 2019

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Full Stack Development:

- Front-End: React, Redux, Redux Saga, Jest and Enzyme.
- Integration Layer/Backend: Spring Boot, Maven.
- Databases: MongoDb.
- DevOps: Docker, Openshift, Jenkins, Linux.
- Data: I was tasked with managing a data catalog of tens of thousands of Mobile Phones (at Cell C). I had to collect this data from external sources via APIs, clean the data via automatic scripts, backup and recover the data using mongodump and provide search functionality on the data.

#### **Software Engineer**

Jan 2016 - Oct 2017

RetroRabbit

Full Stack Development:

- Front-End: Angular JS 1, React and Redux.
- Integration Layer/Backend: .NET MVC 4.5.2, .Net Core 1.1 .
- Databases: SQL Server, MySql.
- DevOps: Amazon AWS EC2 and RDS instances, Web Servers (IIS).
- Data : I had to write advanced SQL stored procedures and functions, which ran efficiently on large data.

#### Internship

Sept 2015 - Nov 2015

RetroRabbit

Learned about various interesting topics including Source Control, Cloud Computing (Amazon AWS) and IoT.

#### 2 weeks vacation work

July 2015 - July 2015

BBD

Requirements - Android Application, use of .NET MVC 4.5 Framework for the backend and management of a SQL Server database.

### House Committee Member, Secretary, Head of IT and Communications

Sept 2014 - Sept 2015

University of Pretoria

I helped lead and mentor various residence, especially those who had academic difficulties and/or technical IT related issues.

### **Teaching Assistant, COS 212**

Feb 2015 - Jun 2015

University of Pretoria

As a teaching assistant for Data Structures and Algorithms it was crucial to identify and recognize all the classical data structures; implement them in different ways; know how to measure the efficiency of implementations and algorithms.

### Teaching Assistant, COS 110

Jul 2014 - Dec 2014

University of Pretoria

As a teaching assistant for Program design and Programming techniques, it was crucial to have good knowledge of object-oriented programming, inheritance, polymorphism, operator overloading, memory management and encapsulation.

# Skills

- · Languages: Python, Java, Javascript, C#.
- Frameworks: Pytorch, Tensorflow, Keras, Spring Boot, Flask, .Net Core, React.
- Devops: Amazon AWS (EC2 and RDS), GCP, Docker, Openshift, Jenkins, Linux.
- · Databases: Mongo, SQL Server and MySql.

# Online Courses

- Introduction to Python for Data Science- Edx
- · Machine Learning by Stanford- Coursera