

# Luke Delzer

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## Summary

Pharmacist, chemist, and computer scientist with 10 years of clinical practice and emerging research experience in AI and machine learning. Published in clinical pharmacology and computational drug discovery, with expertise in patient and high-dimensional data. Dedicated to advancing data-driven technologies across medicine and tech.

## Technical Skills

**Programming Languages:** Python, Java, C++, C, R, Objective-C

**Machine Learning Frameworks:** PyTorch, TensorFlow, Keras

**Data Tools and Formats:** Pandas, NumPy, scikit-learn, JSON, CSV, Microsoft Excel

**Scripting Automation:** Bash, sed, awk/gawk, PowerShell

**Distribution and Cloud Frameworks:** Django, Git, basic AWS familiarity

**Technologies:** REST APIs, Docker, Linux (CLI proficiency), Epic Electronic Health Record

**Architectures:** RISC-V, x86 Assembly

## Projects & Research

### Drug Repurposing Using Deep Embedded Clustering and Graph Neural Networks

Jan 2025 - Sep 2025

([github.com/LDELZ/drug\\_repurposing](https://github.com/LDELZ/drug_repurposing))

- Built a multi-stage pipeline combining **autoencoders**, **Deep Embedded Clustering (DEC)**, and **Graph Neural Networks (GNNs)** for drug-disease link prediction
- Integrated large-scale **multi-omics** data from **biochemical** and **natural language** sources, achieving superior predictive accuracy across 8.7 million relationships
- Evaluated performance using **clustering metrics**, **precision**, **recall**, **F1-score**, and **ROC-AUC**. Results to be presented at *ICMLA 2025*

### Game Automation Using Reinforcement Learning with Stable Baselines3

Jan 2025 - Sep 2025

([github.com/LDELZ/Stable-Entertainment-System](https://github.com/LDELZ/Stable-Entertainment-System))

- Developed an on-policy **reinforcement learning agent** using **Stable Baselines3 (A2C)** to automate 2D gameplay in **SNES9x-rr**
- Designed a **Lua-Python image-action pipeline** for real-time control, integrating emulator memory data with learned policies
- Achieved a **29% win rate** in a classic game, outperforming the genetic-algorithm baseline (*Marl/O*) across reward and success metrics

### Contextual Word Sense Disambiguation in Japanese-English Film Dialogue

Aug 2024 - Dec 2024

([github.com/LDELZ/japanese\\_wsd](https://github.com/LDELZ/japanese_wsd))

- Fine-tuned a **Japanese BERT** model using a past-only conversational context window to improve **word sense disambiguation (WSD)** accuracy
- Integrated **Japanese and English WordNet synsets** and **cosine similarity** to evaluate contextual alignment between parallel translations
- Implemented a supervised evaluation framework achieving a **12% improvement in contextual alignment** over the most frequent sense baseline

### Machine Learning Projects

Jan 2025 - May 2025

- **Neural Network Comparisons:** Evaluated MLP, CNN, and ViT models on MNIST/CIFAR-10 to assess architecture and hyperparameter impacts on classification performance ([github.com/LDELZ/ml\\_neural\\_networks](https://github.com/LDELZ/ml_neural_networks))
- **Support Vector Machines Analysis:** Implemented manual and library SVMs (Scikit-Learn, LibSVM) on multiple datasets to study trade-offs in accuracy, speed, and regularization ([github.com/LDELZ/ml\\_support\\_vector\\_machines](https://github.com/LDELZ/ml_support_vector_machines))
- **Regression Analysis:** Compared manual and package-based linear, polynomial, and ridge regressions across real-world datasets to assess learning rate and regularization effects on model accuracy ([github.com/LDELZ/ml\\_regression](https://github.com/LDELZ/ml_regression))

<b>Natural Language Processing Projects</b>	Aug 2024 - Dec 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Text Classification with CNNs and Transformers:</b> Designed CNNs with variable architectures to study layer depth and word embeddings (Word2Vec, GloVe, BERT) in text classification against transformers (<a href="https://github.com/LDELZ/nlp_neural_networks">github.com/LDELZ/nlp_neural_networks</a>)</li> <li><b>Word Vector Analysis:</b> Built and evaluated co-occurrence-based word embeddings using PPMI and SVD to study context and dimensionality effects on semantic similarity (<a href="https://github.com/LDELZ/nlp_wordvectors">github.com/LDELZ/nlp_wordvectors</a>)</li> <li><b>N-Gram Poem Generator:</b> Developed a multilingual n-gram text generator in Python that produces structured poems and evaluates quality using perplexity and readability metrics (<a href="https://github.com/LDELZ/nlp_ngrams">github.com/LDELZ/nlp_ngrams</a>)</li> </ul>	
<b>Publications</b>	
<b>Drug Repurposing Using Deep Embedded Clustering and Graph Neural Networks</b> <i>2025 International Conference on Machine Learning and Applications (ICMLA)</i> . arXiv:2509.11493	Sep 2025

<b>Calcineurin Inhibitor and Nonsteroidal Anti-inflammatory Drug Interaction: Implications of Changes in Renal Function Associated with Concurrent Use</b> <i>Journal of Clinical Pharmacology</i> . DOI: 10.1002/jcph.1264	May 2018
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<b>Technical &amp; Research Experience</b>	
<b>Lead Machine Learning &amp; Data Engineering Researcher - Drug Repurposing Study</b> <i>University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, CO</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developed multi-stage AI/ML workflows integrating autoencoder dimensionality reduction, Deep Embedded Clustering, and Graph Neural Networks for link prediction</li> <li>Used scalable Python (Pandas, NumPy) pipelines to standardize heterogeneous multi-omic and chemical datasets to predict novel uses for existing drugs</li> </ul>	Jan 2025 - Sep 2025
<b>Lead NLP Researcher - Japanese Word Sense Disambiguation Study</b> <i>University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, CO</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fine-tuned Japanese BERT models using past-only conversational context for improved word sense disambiguation</li> <li>Implemented WordNet-based sense mapping and contextual embedding evaluation</li> </ul>	Aug 2024 - Dec 2024
<b>Teaching Assistant - Department of Computer Science</b> <i>University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, CO</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluated student Java and data structure projects, guided coding practices, collaborated with instructor to enhance materials and student outcomes</li> </ul>	Aug 2023 - Dec 2023
<b>Lead Data Engineering Researcher - Drug Interaction Study</b> <i>University of Colorado Hospital, Aurora, CO</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collected, engineered, and analyzed patient-level clinical data to evaluate calcineurin inhibitor-NSAID drug interactions on renal function; authored resulting publication</li> </ul>	Aug 2015 - May 2018
<b>Computational Physical Chemistry Researcher, University of Colorado Colorado Springs, CO</b> <i>University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, CO</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducted Hartree-Fock molecular modeling and thermodynamic analysis of enzyme structures using remote Linux-based supercomputing systems</li> </ul>	Aug 2011- May 2012

<b>Employment Experience</b>	
<b>Clinical Pharmacist — CommonSpirit St. Francis Hospital, Colorado Springs, CO</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Comprehensive inpatient clinical pharmacy services, compounding and TPN training, decentralized support (ICU/NICU), and drug monitoring. Developed IV-room SOPs and analytic tools to enhance workflow efficiency and patient care</i></li> </ul>	Jan 2020 - Present
<b>Pharmacist — Safeway, Pueblo, CO</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Dispensing operations, vaccine administration, and patient consultations</i></li> </ul>	May 2019 - Jan 2020
<b>Rx Review Pharmacist — Dept. of Health Care Policy &amp; Financing, Colorado Springs, CO</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Conducted MTM reviews, resolved medication issues, and prepared reports for state</i></li> </ul>	Nov 2018 - Nov 2019
<b>Clinical Pharmacist — Kaiser Permanente Briargate, Colorado Springs, CO</b>	Sep 2017 - Apr 2019

- HMO outpatient pharmacy operations and patient counseling
- Pharmacist** — Walgreens (multiple CO locations)
- Conducted outpatient dispensing and compliance across many high-volume retail sites
- Sep 2016 - Sep 2017

## Education

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<b>BS in Computer Science: AI and Machine Learning</b>	Jan 2022 - May 2025
<i>University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, CO   GPA: 3.94, Summa Cum Laude</i>	
<b>Doctor of Pharmacy</b>	Aug 2012 - May 2016
<i>University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy, Aurora, CO   GPA: 3.9, Rho Chi</i>	
<b>BS in Chemistry</b>	Jun 2007 - May 2012
<i>University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, CO   GPA: 3.9, Summa Cum Laude, Highest Honors</i>	

## Professional Certifications

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<b>National Provider Identifier (NPI): 1447779897</b>	Sep 2017 - Present
<b>Colorado Pharmacist License: PHA. 0021467</b>	Aug 2016 - Present
<b>NIH Office of Extramural Research:</b> "Protecting Research Participants"; Cert. #1935856	Dec 2015 - Present
<b>CDC:</b> "Yellow Fever Vaccine Advising" Completion #: WB2367	Oct 2015 - Present
<b>APhA: Medication Therapy Management Certification</b>	Aug 2015 - Present
<b>APhA: Immunization Training Certification</b>	May 2013 - Present

## Honors and Awards

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<b>Chancellor's Award – University of Colorado</b>	Jan 2022
<b>Clinical Practice Award – University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy</b>	Apr 2016
<b>Top 5% Student Awards – Porter Adventist, HealthSouth, St. Francis, and CU Hospitals</b>	Aug 2015 - May 2016
<b>Faculty &amp; Alumni Scholarship – University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy</b>	May 2015
<b>Dean's List – University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy</b>	Dec 2012 - May 2015
<b>Rho Chi Pharmacy Honor Society – Alpha Theta Chapter</b>	May 2014
<b>Highest Distinction Graduate – University of Colorado Dept. of Chemistry &amp; Biochemistry</b>	May 2012
<b>Top Student in Physical, Analytical, and Seminar Chemistry – University of Colorado</b>	May 2011 - May 2012
<b>Hospital Volunteer Service Award – Memorial Health System, Colorado Springs, CO</b>	Jan 2012
<b>Eagle Scout with Order of the Arrow Honors – Boy Scouts of America</b>	May 2004

## Presentations

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<b>Resolving Data and Chemical Issues in NICU TPN Entry – St. Francis NICU (seminar)</b>	Aug 2025
<b>Drug Repurposing Using Deep Embedded Clustering and GNNs – UCCS (seminar)</b>	May 2025
<b>Game Automation: Reinforcement Learning with Stable Baselines3 – UCCS (seminar)</b>	May 2025
<b>Contextual Word Sense Disambiguation for Japanese Conversations – UCCS (seminar)</b>	Dec 2024
<b>RainForest: Scalable Decision-Tree Construction for Large Datasets – UCCS (seminar)</b>	Oct 2024
<b>Attribute Reduction and the Curse of Dimensionality in Big Data – UCCS (seminar)</b>	Oct 2024
<b>Implementing and Interpreting the t-Test in IBM SPSS – UCCS (seminar)</b>	Jul 2024
<b>Implementing Dynamic Data Structures and Quality Practices in C – UCCS (seminar)</b>	Aug 2022
<b>Calcineurin Inhibitor &amp; NSAID Interactions – ACCP (continuing ed. seminar)</b>	Mar 2019
<b>Healthcare Law – HealthSouth Rehab Hospital (seminar)</b>	Mar 2016
<b>HIV and MAC Infection Pharmacotherapy – HealthSouth Hospital (clinical seminar)</b>	Feb 2016
<b>Cases of Post-Spinal Stenosis Surgery – HealthSouth Rehab Hospital (clinical seminar)</b>	Jan 2016
<b>CNI and NSAID Interactions on Renal Function – ASHP Midyear (poster)</b>	Dec 2015
<b>Neonatal ICU Pharmacy Operations – St. Francis Hospital (clinical seminar)</b>	Dec 2015
<b>Counseling Blind Patients on Medication Use – Stout Street Health (clinical seminar)</b>	Sep 2015
<b>Research Data Gathering and Excel Programming – CU Hospital, Aurora (tech. seminar)</b>	Jul 2015
<b>CNI and NSAID Drug Interaction, Revisited – CU Hospital, Aurora (clinical seminar)</b>	Jun 2015
<b>Glucan Phosphates on C-Section Healing – CU Skaggs School of Pharmacy (poster)</b>	Oct 2014
<b>Glucan Pharmacotherapy – CU Skaggs School of Pharmacy (clinical seminar)</b>	Apr 2014
<b>DFT Analysis of PAD4 in Rheumatoid Arthritis – CS Undergrad. Research Forum (poster)</b>	Apr 2012