Lara Mestdagh

AI Engineer

Al Engineering graduate passionate about NLP, computer vision, and applying Al in healthcare. Experienced in building cloud-integrated applications (Azure, Blazor, FastAPI) and modular Al pipelines for real-world use cases. Enthusiastic about ethical Al and bringing innovative solutions into practice.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Al/Software Engineering Intern | Data4

Cape Town, South Africa | Feb – Jun 2025

- Developed and improved Blazor web components for a patient portal (doctor login and dashboard, survey progress tracking).
- Built Al-powered chatbots with Microsoft Copilot Studio to support medical billing workflows (SharePoint/OneDrive knowledge sources, region-specific compliance).
- Deployed and documented Microsoft Azure services (Al Foundry, Data Factory, Document Intelligence, Power Automate) to enhance healthcare workflows.

Research Project: Al Storyteller

Bachelor Thesis | Jan - Jun 2025

- Designed and implemented a modular AI pipeline for children's storytelling.
- Integrated story generation (Llama 3.1), narration (MeloTTS), and music clips (MusicGen) into a Gradio-based UI.
- Conducted expert interviews to gather feedback on educational value and modularity, integrating their input into the final thesis.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Multimedia & Creative Technologies - Al Engineering Track

Howest University of Applied Sciences, Kortrijk | 2022–2025 (completed, official diploma November 2025)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Programming & Frameworks: Python, C#, JavaScript, SQL, FastAPI, Blazor, Docker, Kubernetes.
- AI/ML: scikit-learn, TensorFlow/PyTorch, NLP, Computer Vision, Reinforcement Learning, Deep Learning
- Cloud & MLOps: Microsoft Azure, GitHub Actions, CI/CD
- Tools: Git, Gradio, Jupyter Notebooks, Scrum/Agile