

Education

2023

PhD, Programming Languages and Systems, Current- Year Three, Part-Time

Advisors: Prof Mark Batty & Dr Michael Vollmer – University of Kent, PLAS

Current work involves mechanising G.Morrisett and D.Walker's typed assembly language (TAL) in Rocq. My core contributions are mechanising the lemmas and theorems presented in the original paper, as well as extending the work with mechanised proofs for determinism and type erasure. Future work involves extending the language with vector instructions and extending the type system and proofs accordingly.

2019

2023

BSc (Hons), University of Kent, Canterbury

Dissertation: Formal Verification of a MIR-to-MIR Optimisation

2016

2019

College Qualifications, Bexhill College

Applied Science

180 Credit Extended Diploma

Distinction* Distinction* Distinction*

Information
Technologies

90 Credit Certificate

Distinction* Distinction*

Work Experience

2023

Research Assistant, The University of Kent, In-Person

This work aimed to provide a first step towards proving the soundness of Rust's middle intermediate representation (MIR), starting with a modest optimisation — tautology elimination. It required defining a grammar and semantics, a formal definition of a target optimisation, and using proof techniques over the semantics to prove their soundness. This project was shortlisted for the PLDI Student Research Competition.

2022

Rolls-Royce Data Scientist, R² Data Labs, London - Hybrid Internship, Python

My role involved developing bespoke AI-based software. I optimised training throughput by reducing the memory footprint of data, improving the performance of inference and adding checkpointing and data change detection to drastically cut downtime. The project consisted of making NLP-based software to aid in presenting large collections of data in a human-readable way. Our team worked through prototyping stages over multiple weeks and developed the software into a minimum viable product, which we then delivered to the customer. This project required the use of natural language processing, clustering of data, and data visualisation.

2021
2022

Developer and Maintainer, Smart Start Minds, London - Remote, Javascript

I researched and developed software to improve and treat mental health conditions above specialist neurofeedback hardware. The specialist hardware used non-invasive imaging (fNIRS) to measure changes in the concentration of oxygenated haemoglobin. I designed a web-based prototype system to detect lulls in mental concentration and to prompt the user to perform an activity, increasing concentration above their baseline. This prototype software enabled the company to demonstrate the viability of this automated self-treatment method to businesses and funders interested in using this technology. More importantly, it demonstrated that accessible and affordable treatment could reasonably allow patients in low socio-economic areas globally, and patients without access to in-person healthcare, the internet, or medical funding to be treated for mental health conditions. I won the UK-wide *Undergraduate of the Year* award for this work.

2019
2022

Academic Ambassador, University of Kent, Canterbury

Prizes

2023

Student Research Competition, *Shortlisted*, PLDI

2022

Undergraduate of the Year 2022, *Winner*, Target Jobs

2022

Kent Star, *Winner*, The University of Kent

Conferences

2023

PLDI, Florida, Invited - Student Research Competition, Poster Session

2020

36th Chaos Communication Congress, Technology and Cyber Security Conference, Leipzig

Summer Schools

2024

Advanced Functional Programming, University of Utrecht, 1.5 ECTS

2023

OPLSS, University of Oregon

2023

VetSS, University of Sussex

Volunteering

2022

TinkerSoc, Committee, TinkerSoc.org

The Tinker Society is a maker society for hobby electronics, 3D printing, and engineering. I was president for two years, and am now vice-president. I rebuilt the society after COVID, which presented two challenges: no funding and very few members. By leading people through their first projects with accessible learning plans, I rebuilt our community. I sustained the first year through fundraising, and once a community was re-established, I was able to apply for funding from the union. The accessible learning plans also increased gender and academic diversity. I continue to enjoy building an amazing community of Tinkerers through running interactive seminars and training courses.

References

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