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EDUCATION

Friedrich Schiller University Jena

M.Sc. in Medical Photonics

Jena, Germany

Oct 2018 – Jul 2021

Northeastern University

B.Sc. in Applied Physics

Shenyang, China

Oct 2014 – Jun 2018

EXPERIENCE

GitLab

Customer Success Engineer

Remote

Dec 2024 – Present, Full time

- * Act as a trusted technical advisor for enterprise clients, ensuring long-term success and risk-aware adoption of DevSecOps workflows.
- * Led cross-team initiatives between sales, renewals, and technical support to align territory responsibilities and improve coordination.
- * Supported governance discussions with clients on compliance, security integration, and strategic use of GitLab in regulated environments.

Red Hat

Consultant

Remote Germany

Jan 2023 – Nov 2024, Full-time

- * Implemented and automated OpenShift installation and configuration including storage, logging, monitoring and so on with a GitOps workflow.
- * Implemented and automated OpenShift Virtualization solutions using Ansible Automation Platform.
- * Implemented CI/CD pipelines for enhancing software supply chain efficiency.
- * Provided guidance to client teams on DevOps culture and principles.
- * Contributed to application modernization projects by helping to implement microservices architecture.

Technical Graduate

Sep 2021 – Dec 2023, Full-time

Institute of Diagnostics and Interventional Radiology

Research Intern

Jena, Germany

Aug 2019 – Jul 2021, Internship

- * Engaged in collaborative research within the research institute for analyzing MRI metrics of Multiple Sclerosis patients.
- * Utilized MATLAB and Python to extract and analyze MRI data.
- * Optimized and trained machine learning models for MRI statistics analysis.
- * Implemented and optimized image data quality assessment methods using Python.

SKILLS

Technical: Git, CI/CD, DevSecOps, Kubernetes, Automation, TensorFlow

Research: Experimental design, interdisciplinary methods, systematic problem-solving, strategic thinking

Scripting Languages: Java/Spring Boot, Python, MATLAB, R, Go, Bash

Languages: Chinese, English, German

PROJECTS

Cross-Team Alignment Initiative at GitLab

Ongoing

- * Initiated and led coordination project across sales, renewals, and technical support to reduce misalignment in territory ownership.
- * Outcome: Increased clarity of responsibilities and reduced delays, serving as an example of transparency and collaboration in distributed teams.

Independent AI Safety Study

Ongoing

- * Engaged in self-directed study on AI safety, with emphasis on security, governance, and cooperative AI frameworks.
- * Outcome: Built a foundational understanding of risks in AI deployment and opportunities for improving oversight mechanisms.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

(Cooperative AI)

- AI Safety (oversight & control, governance, security)
- AI for facilitating human cooperation: designing agents that foster trust, fairness, and more effective collaboration.)
- Coordination challenges: human-AI interaction, multi-agent cooperation, and mitigation of coordination failures.
- Application of behavioral science insights to improve AI alignment and governance.