AKSHAY PATEL

EDUCATION

University of Waterloo, Bachelor of Computer Science | Major GPA: 90%

Apr 2022

• Selected Coursework: Reinforcement Learning, Computational Neuroscience, Machine Learning, Algorithms, OS, Security, Networks, Applied Cryptography, Cognitive Neuroscience

EXPERIENCE

Google DeepMind | Software Engineer

London | Feb - Jun 2021

· Working on client-side neural networks on the AI Components team

Mila – Al Institute | Research Assistant, COVID-19

Montreal | Jun 2020 - Pres.

- · Building an epidemiologically accurate COVID-19 spread simulator using SimPy to evaluate contact tracing methods
- · Co-authored COVI-AgentSim: an ABM for Evaluating Methods of Digital Contact Tracing with Turing laureate Yoshua Bengio

Amazon Web Services | Software Engineer, EC2 Auto Scaling

Vancouver | May - Aug 2020

- Enabled cost-savings of **90%** by developing & deploying a capacity-aware, instance-flexible allocation strategy called Flexible-Single-Instance-Type (Flexible SIT)
- Optimized Flexible SIT reliability & scalability by analyzing capacity across availability zones before provisioning instances
- · Reduced underscaled Auto Scaling Group frequency by extending Attach-Instances & Exit-Standby API functionality

Intuit | Software Engineer, Security R&D

Mountain View | May - Aug 2019

- · Saved \$3 mil./year by designing & deploying end-to-end NLP pipeline that detected 70,000+ brand impersonation violations
- Reduced client-side TP99 latency by 81% using batch processing instead of multi-threaded parallel processing to enable real-time
 fraud detection and prevention

University of Waterloo | Research Assistant

Waterloo | Jan – Apr 2019

- · Studied the Protégé Effect with artificial conversational agents under Prof. Edith Law
- · Contributed to the Curiosity Notebook, which was used in work accepted to SIGCHI EA 2020

Intuit | *Software Engineer, TurboTax*

Toronto | May - Aug 2018

- Improved TurboTax's peak logging efficiency by 1800% using Log4J2 Lock-free Asynchronous Loggers
- · Designed and developed open source fan curation platform for Comic Con Museum in Intuit hackathon

PROJECTS

Curiosity Driven Exploration

Apr 2020

- · Investigated effects of curiosity-based & entropy-based exploration in RL agents using PyTorch & OpenAl Gym
- Confirmed exploration in reinforcement learning agents significantly decreases training time (>3x) in sparse-reward environments

Lacs for Scala Dec 2019

- · Compiled a subset of Scala into MIPS Assembly using a CYK Parser with context-sensitive analysis
- · Implemented closures, nested functions, type checking, & automated garbage collection using Cheney's algorithm

Brock University | Bioinformatics

Aug 2016 - Jun 2017

- · Investigated role of proctolin (neuropeptide) in fruit flies using genetic engineering and computer vision
- National Bronze Medalist at Canada Wide Science Fair 2017 (Top 70 of 500,000+)

SKILLS

Languages: Java, Python, C++, Scala, C, JavaScript, Ruby, SQL, LaTeX, Scheme, HTML, CSS **Technologies:** AWS, Docker, PyTorch, TensorFlow, GCP, Kubernetes, Git, Spring Framework