AKSHAY PATEL

EDUCATION

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

Apr 2022

EXPERIENCE

Google DeepMind | Research Engineer, Al Components

Feb - Jun 2021

· Working on machine learning compilers to enable client-side neural networks

Mila - Al Institute | Research Assistant, COVID-19

Jun 2020 - Pres.

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

Amazon Web Services | Software Engineer, EC2 Auto Scaling

May - Aug 2020

- \cdot 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 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

May - Aug 2019

- · Saved \$3 mil./year by designing & deploying end-to-end NLP pipeline that detected 70,000+ brand impersonations
- 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

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

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 RL 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

SKILLS

Languages: Java, Python, C++, Scala, C, JavaScript, Ruby, SQL, LATEX, HTML, CSS

Technologies: AWS, Docker, PyTorch, TensorFlow, GCP, Kubernetes, Git, Spring Framework