ALEX ARVANITIDIS¹

Born in 1989

Machine Learning Engineer Athens, Greece

SUMMARY

Machine Learning Engineer with 10+ years of full-stack development experience

Specialized in deploying and optimizing ML models, cloud infrastructure, and scalable platforms

Expert in end-to-end ML workflows, from data processing to production deployment

Previously led full-stack teams, building high-performance systems across industries

Passionate about AI, data-driven applications, and pushing the boundaries of model deployment

Outside of work, I explore data analytics and enjoy performing stand-up comedy

EDUCATION

Master's: Information Systems and Artificial Intelligence at Computer Science Department of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH)

Grade: 9.58

Bachelor's: Information Systems at Computer Science Department of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

(AUTH)

Grade: 7.42

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Machine Learning Engineer@National Technical University of Athens

Hybrid, 2/2024-Today

- Joined the UPCI NTUA lab as part of 3 EU Horizon projects to deepen hands-on experience in AI and ML systems
- Leading Jaqpot, a model hosting platform for deploying and sharing ML models
- Managing the entire stack: Python libraries, frontend, backend, DevOps, and AWS infrastructure (Terraform)
- Deployed and fine-tuned LLMs with vLLM and Kubernetes
- Built and deployed chemical Al agents using HuggingFace's smolagents library

Senior Full-stack Engineer@Mercedes Benz via Mimacom

Remote, 2/2023-2/2024

- Led frontend team, improved test coverage to 80%, and resolved security vulnerabilities with BlackDuck, Sonar, and SecHub
- Introduced and developed a comprehensive authentication library for Mercedes, including a unique on-behalf mode, while also spearheading a rapid 2-week migration to Vue 3
- Managed and improved sprint velocities consistently, becoming the go-to expert for product knowledge and fostering strong collaboration among co-developers, QA, and backend engineers

Senior Full-stack Engineer@Gigabank

Remote, 7/2022-2/2023

- Introduced Datadog, Elastic, and Unleash feature toggles, which became core tools for the company
- Led the migration to AWS and Terraform, becoming the company's resident expert on cloud infrastructure and technologies
- Specialized in Flutter development, addressing crucial frontend issues while also gaining expertise in Kotlin and backend systems

Senior Full-stack Engineer@Impala Travel

Remote, 3/2021-6/2022

- Led the transition to Nest.js, replacing a cluttered codebase and introducing best practices like dependency injection, ORMs, dramatically improving code quality for the entire team
- Took a strong leadership role in decision-making, advocating for a more direct approach over diplomacy, which led to more effective outcomes for the team
- Experienced significant personal growth, learning the importance of not assuming bad intentions and how to drive change within a company

Senior Full-stack Engineer@Glovo

Barcelona, Spain 2/2020-2/2021

- Managed a high-load project with Kinesis, handling up to 1k events per second, focusing on both backend and temporary frontend responsibilities
- Successfully extracted and implemented a microservice for 4,000 agents, overseeing the entire process from scaling to performance monitoring
- Thrived in a top-tier work environment, collaborating with some of the best colleagues in my career to date

Led initiatives to improve the full stack experience

Senior Full-stack Engineer@Alpha Innovation, Telefonica

Barcelona, Spain 11/2018-2/2020

- Led the migration to Ionic 4 and separately undertook a full CSS rewrite for the project
- Navigated a challenging work environment with an opinionated tech manager, gaining valuable experience in conflict resolution and personnel management
- Contributed to an impactful project focused on assisting people with conditions like OCD and BDD through Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) techniques
- Led the migration to Terraform

Full-stack developer@Marfeel

Barcelona, Spain 4/2016-11/2018

- Evolved from handling full-stack tasks and bug fixes to specializing in both the product and system infrastructure. Assisted the systems team and was a reliable on-call resource
- Transitioned into the product team and managed high-stakes financial tech code, earning recognition from the CEO for exceptional performance
- Grew professionally in a rapidly expanding startup, starting when the company had 30 employees and leaving when it was over 200-strong

Summer Student@CERN

Geneva, Switzerland—6/2014-9/2014

- Worked on a task management tool for the head of the Future Circular Collider, utilizing AngularJS at the forefront of its popularity
- Collaborated closely with the manager of web services in the IT department, earning a written reference for outstanding contributions
- Successfully navigated a highly competitive recruitment process to intern alongside Europe's top minds

Full-stack Developer@European Dynamics

Thessaloniki, Greece — 4/2014-4/2016

 Managed front-end tasks and bug fixes in AngularJS, gaining foundational skills in coding and SQL queries under excellent mentorship in a corporate setting

Full-stack Developer@Sapila.gr, personal project

2014-2020

- Created and managed Sapila.gr, a Greek meme website, covering all aspects from cloud management to frontend and marketing
- Experimented with microservice architecture for the first time, using Jhipster and the latest technologies at the time to adapt and learn

MSc Thesis - Sentiment analysis using Machine Learning

6/2013-6/2014 - https://angel.co/branty - published at ECML/PKDD 2014 conference

- Completed an MSc thesis focused on sentiment analysis using the Twitter API, providing hands-on experience with machine learning fundamentals
- Conducted extensive research and data analysis, deepening my understanding of natural language processing techniques

PUBLICATIONS

2014

A. Arvanitidis, A. Serafi, A. Vakali, G. Tsoumakas, "Branty: A social media ranking tool for brands" <u>ECML/PKDD 2014</u>, Nancy, France

2013 (Best paper award)

F. Rafailidis, I. Panagos, A. Arvanitidis, P. Katsaros, "Inline Monitors for Security Policy Enforcement in Web Applications"

PCI 2013, Thessaloniki, Greece

2011

T. Stavropoulos, D. Vrakas, A. Arvanitidis, I. Vlahavas, "A System for Energy Savings in an Ambient Intelligence Environment"

ICT-GLOW 2011. Toulouse. France

LANGUAGES

English - Fluent (C2)
German - Advanced (C1)
Spanish - Very Good
Greek - Native

SKILLS

AI: smolagents, Llamaagent, vLLM, ollama, scikit-learn, pytorch, HuggingFace transformers, datasets, ONNX, FastAPI, LLM Fine-Tuning & Optimization, AI agents

Programming Languages: Java, TypeScript, Javascript (ES6), Kotlin

Front-end Technologies: Angular, React, Vue, Ionic, Flutter, SCSS, Bootstrap, TailwindUI

Back-end Technologies: Spring Boot, Spring Cloud, Node.js, Next.js, Keycloak

DevOps and CI/CD: Docker, Kubernetes, AWS ECS, AWS Route53, Terraform, Nginx, GitLab CI/CD,

GitHub Actions, CircleCI, Travis CI, ArgoCD, Helm

Messaging and Stream Processing: Kinesis, RabbitMQ

Monitoring and Logging: Datadog, Elasticsearch, Prometheus

Databases: MongoDB, PostgreSQL, MySQL

Testing: Cypress, Playwright **Build Tools:** Maven, Gradle **Other:** Feature Flags (Unleash)

OTHER & HOBBIES

Comedy & Public Speaking

Experienced in stand-up and improv, performing regularly and presenting events Developed public speaking skills through regular performances

Academic Achievements

Won the Math & Physics contest dedicated to Vassilis Xanthopoulos; ranked 1st out of 300 Finalist in the 6th international student competition on digital entrepreneurship (ennovation.gr)

Music

Self-taught musician proficient in piano, accordion, guitar, and saxophone