# Will Wolf

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## **EDUCATION**

# Open-Source Machine Learning "Masters"

Casablanca, Morocco

A 10-month, self-curated deep-dive into select topics in machine learning

Sep 2016 - July 2017

## Penn State University, Schreyer Honors College

University Park, Pennsylvania

Bachelor of Science, Industrial Engineering, with minor in Mathematics, 3.57 GPA

Sep 2007 - Dec 2011

• Honors thesis (supervised by Dr. Chris Byrne): Prisoner's Dilemma Games on a Geodesic Dome

## EXPERIENCE

## Lead Machine Learning Engineer

Sep 2020 - Present

Research Engineer

Oct 2018 - Sep 2020

Senior Machine Learning Engineer

Aug 2017 - Oct 2018

ASAPP, Inc.

New York, New York

- Research and develop methods (supervised by Dr. Kilian Q. Weinberger) for dialog generation, dialog segmentation, "procedure induction" in goal-oriented dialog, text recommendation and online learning
- Develop, build, deploy and maintain production services for intent classification, personalized next-utterance recommendation and conversation summarization (used by Vodafone, jetBlue, Dish, etc.)
- Work across Research, Machine Learning Engineering, Data Science and Product teams
- Mentor junior team members in research, software engineering and machine learning fundamentals

Data Scientist

ShopKeep

Mar 2015 – July 2016

New York, New York

• Developed, built and maintained internal service for computing merchant similarity in a continuous space

- Developed and built survival analysis models for predicting merchant churn
- Authored internal software package offering composable predictive modeling objects
- Built and maintained ETL infrastructure for data ingestion, transformation and visualization

#### **Data Science Teacher**

Aug 2015 – Dec 2017

Remote

Thinkful
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 Main topics: the Python scientific and inferential stack, databases and APIs, Git and version control, probability and statistics, applied machine learning

# Data Science Consultant

Sep 2015 – Feb 2016

 $Data ext{-}Pop\ Alliance$ 

Internet

New York, New York

• Researched and developed methods for using cell phone call records to predict population figures in West Africa

#### Online Poker Player

Jan 2005 – Jan 2011 Remote

• Built \$50 into \$150,000 playing 6-8 tables simultaneously

• Hired to coach players worldwide in poker theory and strategy

## SELECTED WRITING, CODE

willwolf.io/machine-learning | Approximate inference, Bayesian methods, generative models, neural networks, etc. github.com/cavaunpeu | Implementations of machine learning algorithms

## Selected Talks, Teaching

NYC Machine Learning   A Practical Guide to the Open-Source Machine Learning Masters	$\mathrm{Aug}\ 2019$
Boston Bayesians   Minimizing the Negative Log-Likelihood, In English	$\mathrm{Aug}\ 2018$
Facebook Developer Circles Casablanca   You've Been Doing Statistics All Along	May 2017
Platzi (Bogotá, Colombia)   Taught data science courses in English and Spanish	Aug 2016

# Personal

Languages | English (native), Spanish (advanced), French (advanced), Russian (intermediate) willtravellife.com | Stories from 65+ countries, and a 7,500 kilometer bicycle ride from Turkey to Kyrgyzstan