# Christopher T. Morse

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Professional Summary Curious and motivated early career professional with specialized knowledge in the intersection of soft-ware engineering, machine learning, and robotics. Skilled researcher and presenter with a history of publications and awards. Extends perspective through cross-disciplinary collaboration. Resourceful problem solver with an M.S. in Computer Science initiating career in software or data science.

**EDUCATION** 

University of Virginia

Charlottesville, VA May 2023

M.S. in Computer Science

GPA: 4.00 / 4.00

Minneapolis, MN

University of Minnesota – Twin Cities B.A. in Computer Science, Minor in Music

GPA: 3.91 / 4.00

May 2021

Work Experience Teaching Assistant, University of Virginia

CS 1010: Introduction to Information Technology

Spring 2023 Fall 2022

CS 4501: Robotics for Software Engineers

• Designed and led engaging laboratory sections for 50+ students.

• Created final projects and associated instructional materials.

Research Assistant, University of Virginia

Summer 2021 - Winter 2022

Leading Engineering for Safe Software (LESS) Laboratory

- Created a novel method for inferring spatial properties from robot data.
- Built a pipeline to approximate scene coverage for AV perception systems.

## Research Assistant, University of Minnesota

Winter 2019 - Fall 2020

Interactive Robotics and Vision (IRV) Laboratory

- Developed a streamlined method for paired diver image generation to combat data scarcity.
- Investigated a method for synthetic image generation to aid with data augmentation.

#### Teaching Assistant, University of Minnesota

CSCI 2011: Discrete Structures of Computer Science

Fall 2019

CSCI 1133: Intro. to Computing and Programming Concepts

Fall 2018, Spring 2019

- $\bullet$  Conducted laboratory sections to encourage student collaboration and participation.
- Hosted office hours and discussion sections; assisted with grading and proctoring.

### REU Research Assistant, University of Nebraska

Summer 2019

Nebraska Intelligent MoBile Unmanned Systems (NIMBUS) Laboratory

Analyzed effects of hyperparameter tuning and data augmentation on UAV detection.

#### PROJECTS

## Network Packet Analysis with NLP

Spring 2023

- Created a novel command line tool to parse and query network data with NLP.
- Utilized the GPT-3 API to generate SQL queries over MySQL data tables.

## VAE-Guided Testing Framework for OpenPilot

Spring 2022

- Designed and trained a VAE for manifold approximation of traffic images.
- Clustered training set images with K-Means and PCA to exploit underrepresented features.

SKILLS

Python/C++/C/Java/SQL - Machine Learning - Computer Vision - Robotics - Docker - Git

SERVICE, HONORS, AND AWARDS

• Paper Reviewer, IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation

• UROP Research Award Recipient

Summer 2020

Fall 2022

• 2nd Place; University of Nebraska REU Research Competition

Summer 2019

#### **Publications**

C. Morse, L. Feng, M. Dwyer, S. Elbaum, "A Framework for the Unsupervised Inference of Relations Between Sensed Object Spatial Distributions and Robot Behaviors." 2023 IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA).

M. J. Islam, C. Edge, Y. Xiao, P. Luo, M. Mehtaz, C. Morse, S. S. Enan, and J. Sattar, "Semantic Segmentation of Underwater Imagery: Dataset and Benchmark." 2020 IEEE International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS).