Diogo Ferreira

Backend Engineer



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Programming Languages



Hi! I'm Diogo Ferreira and I love to use technology to solve complex problems. I have a special interest in cloud and data-driven architectures. I am also passionate about books, music, nature and sports, being scout leader in Portuguese Scouts (CNE) and an avid runner, having run multiple half-marathons. I also like to write about technology in my blog diogodanielsoaresferreira.github.io.

Experience

November 2021 -

Backend Engineer



Blip - Remote

Using Java, Kotlin and Scala with Spring, Flink and Akka frameworks to build and monitor event-driven microservices.

September 2019 – November 2021



Software Engineer

Talkdesk - Remote

Using Java with Quarkus framework and Apache Camel to build and monitor data-driven services. Build a pipeline that handles on average 4 million events daily.

Design, implementation and test of NLP machine-learning based techniques. Working with sentence embeddings, document similarity, word extraction from text and other NLP topics.

March 2019 - August 2019

Student Researcher



Instituto de Telecomunicações – Aveiro

Study and development of machine learning models for time series prediction metrics in 5G slices, using Deep Learning techniques. Design and implementation of a distributed real-time architecture to forecast anomalies and act on the network to improve the quality of service. The project was developed in the Network Architectures and Protocols (NAP) group, having as mentor Prof. Dr. Susana Sargento.

April 2018 - September 2018

Undergraduate Student Researcher



Instituto de Telecomunicações - Aveiro

Study of intelligence mechanisms in the core of a 5G network for monitoring, optimization and security. The project was developed in the Network Architectures and Protocols (NAP) group, having as mentor Prof. Dr. Susana Sargento.

Undergraduate Student Researcher



Instituto de Telecomunicações - Aveiro

Continuation of a project made in a third-year course ("Project in Informatics Engineering"), in partnership with *Altice Labs*, having as main goal to develop a platform with support for management, monitoring, alerts and actuation over the data of a city, in real-time (*smart city*).

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On the scope of the project, I had the opportunity to go to events as exhibitor, like *Techdays '17, Symposium 2017 CMU (Carnegie Mellon University) Portugal* or *Sharing Cities – Lisbon*.

July 2016 – August 2016

Summer Internship at Aptoide



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Design and build a software with the purpose of finding apps on the Aptoide Store with explicit content (nudity) using Machine Learning techniques, with accuracy over 95%.

Education

2014 - 2019 Integrated MSc in Computer and Telematics Engineering



Aveiro University

Finished with a grade of **18.21**, being the best student of the course finishing in 2018/2019, having a dissertation grade of **20**/20 and having received a merit award.

2011 - 2014 Science and Technology course (10th - 12th grades)

Gafanha da Nazaré High School

Finished with an average grade of 17.

Publications

Prediction of Low Accessibility in 4G Networks

Diogo Ferreira, Carlos Senna, Paulo Salvador, Luís Cortesão, Cristina Pires, Rui Pedro, Susana Sargento Annals of Telecommunications. 2021

DOI: 10.1007/s12243-021-00849-9

A Forecasting Approach to Improve Control and Management for 5G Networks

Diogo Ferreira, André Braga Reis, Carlos Senna, Susana Sargento

IEEE Transactions on Network and Service Management, February, 2021

DOI: 10.1109/TNSM.2021.3056222

Distributed Real-time Forecasting Framework for IoT Network and Service Management

Diogo Ferreira, Carlos Senna, Susana Sargento

IEEE/IFIP Symposium Network Operations and Management (NOMS), Budapest, Hungary, April, 2020 DOI: 10.1109/NOMS47738.2020.9110456

Root Cause Analysis of Reduced Acessibility in 4G Networks

Diogo Ferreira, Carlos Senna, Paulo Salvador, Luís Cortesão, Cristina Pires, Rui Pedro, Susana Sargento Machine Learning for Networking. MLN 2019. Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol 12081. Springer, Cham

DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-45778-5_9

Breaking Text-Based CAPTCHA with Sparse Convolutional Neural Networks

Diogo Daniel Ferreira, Luís Leira, Petya Mihaylova, Petia Georgieva IbPRIA 2019: Pattern Recognition and Image Analysis pp 404-415

DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-31321-0_35

Major relevant skills

- Experience using Akka actors, Akka streams and Flink to enable fast distributed processing of events
- Experience using Apache Camel to implement applications using Enterprise Integration Patterns
- Experience in event-driven architectures using micro-services and associated tools, such as **Kafka** or RabbitMQ (message queues), distributed databases and similar tools
- Experience in usage of web frameworks, such as Quarkus, Spring Boot, Django, Phoenix/Elixir or Falcon
- Experience using **Java Reactive Libraries** to build data-driven microservices using test-driven methodologies
- Experience using **Elasticsearch** as operational database for text-oriented products
- Experience in the implementation and testing of **NLP** algorithms, such as TF-IDF, LDA, word embeddings, sentence embeddings, document similarity and word extraction
- Experience in problem resolution using **Machine Learning techniques** and state-of-the-art **Deep Learning** techniques, with frameworks like PyTorch, Keras or Scikit Learn
- Experience in small and medium project management in a multidisciplinary team using Agile techniques
- Experience in **data analysis** problems using data manipulation and visualization tools such as NumPy, SciPy, Matplotlib, Jupyter, Pandas and similar
- Experience in MLOps tools, such as MLFlow, DVC, Sagemaker, and others

Social skills

- Scout leader (Corpo Nacional de Escutas) for 6 years, and in the 12 years prior I was also team guide and secretary/treasurer
- Volunteer in Conta Connosco project: a pro bono initiative where volunteers share their professional experiences with the aim of helping unemployed or young people in their careers
- Instructor in Data Science Academy from Talkdesk, in which I taught the Deep Learning module
- Part of the juvenile choral group at the Oliveira do Bairro
- I also did sports since I was 5 years old, playing Football/Futsal in several teams until I was
 18 years being team captain on several occasions

All these experiences brought me bigger sense of responsibility, leadership, team spirit, punctuality and assiduousness.

Interests

In my free time I love doing online courses. Here are some that I did:

- Akka Essentials with Scala
- Akka Streams with Scala
- Think Like a Leader
- Deployment of Machine Learning Models
- The Ultimate Hands-On Hadoop Tame Your Big Data! Udemy
- Machine Learning Coursera

Beyond the digital world, I am also passionate about running, having participated in multiple half marathons in the past years. I also enjoy music, having attended several music summer festivals.

In my free time I also enjoy writing in online platforms (diogodanielsoaresferreira.github.io. Medium, Dev.to) about software engineering, reading books and attend events related to informatics, technology and programing, like NDC, JNation, DSPT Day, National Meeting of Informatic Engineering Students, TechDays, Talk a Bit, DSPT meetups, among others.