

# Diogo Ferreira

Data Scientist/Software Engineer



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## Languages

Python	★★★★★
Java	★★★★★
Elixir	★★★
C/C++	★★★
Matlab	★★★
Go	★★
R	★

Hi! I'm Diogo Ferreira and I love to use technology to solve daily life problems. I have special interest in the areas of Machine Learning and Software Architectures, although I am ready to deal with any Software Engineering related problem.

I am also passionate about nature and music, being member of the Portuguese Scouts (CNE) and having attended several music summer festivals in the past years.

## Experience

September 2019 -

### Data Scientist/Backend Engineer

Talkdesk – TDX Coimbra/Aveiro

Design, implementation and test of NLP machine-learning based techniques to help agents in contact centers to improve the customer experience. Working with sentence embeddings, document similarity, word extraction from text and other NLP topics.

Also working as a backend engineer, using Java to build data-driven services.



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 the Prof. Dr. Susana Sargento.



July 2018

### Summer Internship

Critical Software – Coimbra

Summer Innovation Week – Developing a platform for monitoring the noise and the temperature in the Critical Software open-spaces.



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 the Prof. Dr. Susana Sargento.



October 2017 – March de 2018

### 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*).

The project was developed in the Network Architectures and Protocols group (NAP), having as mentor the Prof. Dr. Susana Sargento.

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



Lisboa

R&D department - Design and build a software with the purpose of finding apps on the Aptoide Store with explicit content (nudity) using Machine Learning techniques.

July 2013

### Summer Internship at PT Inovação S.A./Altice Labs



Aveiro

Market study and research about the state of the art of telemedicine platforms and comparison with the Medigraf architecture.

## 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 and having received a merit award.

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

Gafanha de Nazaré High School

Finished with an average grade of **17**.

## Publications

### 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

### Root Cause Analysis of Reduced Accessibility 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 in the implementation and testing of NLP algorithms, such as TF-IDF, LDA, word embeddings, sentence embeddings, document similarity and word extraction
- Experience in training an attention-based language model, such as BERT, GPT, RoBERTA or Transformer-XL, to perform a specific NLP-related task, such as intent recognition, entity extraction and sentence embeddings
- Experience in NLP frameworks, such as Spacy, GenSim, Duckling, Magnitude, Rasa and NLTK
- 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 data analysis problems using data manipulation and visualization tools such as NumPy, SciPy, Matplotlib, Jupyter, Pandas and similar
- Experience in small and medium project management in a multidisciplinary team using Agile techniques
- Experience using Reactive Java to build data-driven microservices using test-driven methodologies
- Experience in DevOps and associated tools, such as Docker, ELK Stack, TICK Stack, Cucumber (for integration tests), Nginx, Unicorn and similar
- 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 Django, Quarkus, Spring Boot, Phoenix/Elixir or Falcon
- Experience in managing relational and non-relational (NoSQL) databases
- Experience in client-server protocols, such as REST or SOAP
- Knowledge of elaboration of technical reports using LATEX
- Knowledge about the construction and optimization of linear and non-linear Machine Learning models, particularly Deep Learning models

## Social skills

- Instructor in *Data Science Academy* from *Talkdesk*, in which I taught the *Deep Learning* module
- 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
- Part of scouts (Corpo Nacional de Escutas) for 12 years, where I was guide of my team and secretary/treasurer; currently, I am a scout leader
- Currently 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

On informatics I have great interest by machine learning, programming and data science areas. I have done online courses to learn more about machine learning, such as the Machine Learning course by Andrew Ng in Coursera, the Deep Learning Specialization by Deep Learning.ai, or CS224n: Natural Language Processing with Deep Learning by Stanford University.

Beyond the digital world, I am also passionate about music, having attended several music summer festivals in the past years. I also enjoy sports, mainly football.

In my free time I also enjoy posting in online platforms (personal website, Medium, Dev.to) about software engineering and machine learning, reading books and attend events related to informatics, technology and programing, like JNation 2020, DSPT Day 2019, National Meeting of Informatic Engineering Students (ENEI 2019 and ENEI 2018), TechDays (2017) and Talk a Bit (2017), DSPT meetups among others.