

# Giovanni Pagliarini

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## Briefly

I have cultivated the passions for computer science and music since the age of 5. I have a training as a computer scientist, acquired between universities in Italy, Sweden and Singapore. Now, in the context of a PhD, I am specializing in Machine Learning, participating to different projects in parallel, and acquiring a more comprehensive approach to design thinking. Recently, following my need to give a broader sense to my profession, I am approaching the world of green entrepreneurship.


## Education

### PhD in Computer Science and Mathematics

Ferrara, Italy

UNIVERSITY OF PARMA

11/2020 – Present


- Topics: interpretable machine learning, computer vision, time series classification, data science, efficient and parallel computing
- My main research line aims at the formalization of *modal symbolic learning*, a novel methodology for obtaining *interpretable* intelligent models for computer vision and spatial/temporal pattern recognition
- I'm working on various projects for testing the effectiveness of new machine learning methods: COVID-19 diagnosis from cough/breath sounds; EEG signal interpretation; gas turbine trip prevention; land cover classification from satellite imagery 

### Master Degree in Computer Science

Gothenburg, Sweden

UNIVERSITY OF GOTHENBURG

08/2018 – 06/2020

- ECTS: 120, GRADE: G
- TOPICS: machine learning, computer vision, bioinformatics, discrete optimization, logic, compilers
- THESIS: *Interactionwise – Semantic Awareness for Visual Relationship Detection* 
- I enrolled into an student exchange program (6 months), which took me to the *National University of Singapore (NUS)*, where I deepend my knowledge on computer vision

### Bachelor Degree in Computer Science

Ferrara, Italy

UNIVERSITY OF FERRARA

09/2015 – 07/2018

- ECTS: 180, Grade: 110/110 with honors
- TOPICS: algorithms, computability and complexity theory, parallel computing, computer architecture, operating systems
- THESIS: *Optimization of Lattice Boltzmann simulations for Intel Xeon Phi 'Knights Landing'*

## Experience

### Findwise AB

Gothenburg, Sweden

MACHINE LEARNING DEVELOPER – MASTER THESIS WORK

01/2020 – 06/2020

- I tackled a problem of detection of interactions between objects in digital images (*Visual Relationship Detection*)
- I made extensive use of machine learning techniques for computer vision and natural language processing (NLP)

### University of Gothenburg

Gothenburg, Sweden

TEACHING ASSISTANT (COURSE: *Algorithms I*)

01/2020 – 03/2020

- I graded home assignments and held a few exercise sessions

### University of Ferrara

Ferrara, Italy

RESEARCH TRAINEE – BACHELOR THESIS WORK

09/2017 – 06/2018

- I optimized a C code for fluid dynamics simulations, targeting highly-parallel architectures
- I measured performance of different data layouts and memory access patterns

### Mercato delle Terre Estensi

Ferrara, Italy

IT TECHNICIAN

01/2016 – 08/2018

- I Built a website and a management/billing system in HTML/PHP/CSS/Javascript

## Technical skills

<b>Machine learning</b>	pytorch, computer vision, natural language processing
<b>OS &amp; task automation</b>	Linux programming, UNIX shell, data processing & cleaning
<b>Functional</b>	Julia, Haskell
<b>Object-oriented</b>	C++, Java, Python
<b>Low-level</b>	C (parallel computing with MPI, OpenMP, pthread, CUDA), LLVM
<b>Full-stack</b>	MySQL, PHP, Javascript
<b>Other</b>	LaTeX, Matlab, R, Go (basic knowledge), Linear programming

## Relevant projects

### Modal Decision Trees in Julia

Framework for interpretable classification of data with dimensional components, such as audio recordings, images, videos, and EEG signals. [Presented at JuliaCon2022](#).

University of Ferrara

2021

### Transparent COVID-19 diagnosis from audio samples of breath and cough

Modal decision trees allow the extraction of knowledge in *explicit* form, able to explain the relation between vocal patterns in cough/breath samples and the presence of COVID-19 in a human subject.

University of Ferrara

2020

### Pitòn - Rule extraction from MySQL databases

Laravel Package (PHP) for training rule-based classification models from data stored in MySQL databases.

University of Ferrara

2020

### Class Semantic Awareness for neural networks

Attempt at improving the standard softmax-based classification framework for neural networks.

University of Gothenburg

2020

### Dimensionality reduction: a performance comparison of PCA, LDA and FJLT

National University of Singapore

2019

### EasyG - Classifying Electrocardiograms using deep learning

University of Gothenburg

2019

## Languages

<b>Italian</b>	Native speaker
<b>English</b>	IELTS Academic score: 7.0

## Personal interests

<b>Learning</b>	Touch typing, ergonomics, codes, languages
<b>Music</b>	Arrangement, Professional studies of jazz guitar and piano
<b>Entertainment</b>	Video-editing, improv
<b>Sport</b>	Climbing, table tennis

## Honors & awards

- 2022 **Winner**, [MAGICA Summer School, Acceleration Programme](#)
- 2021 **Finalist**, [Huawei Italy University Challenge](#)
- Participant**, [Talents for Open Innovation](#)
- TV & news appearance**, [Focus on a Research work I conducted on TV program "Oggi è un Altro Giorno"](#)

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