

PROJECTS

ML Consulting | 2020-2021 (Ongoing)

Consulting on/Implementing ML projects for small businesses with resource constraints on deadline, focusing on NLP/transformers. Recently built a presentation-ready novel classifier in under 72 hours.

Uncropping | 2021 (Ongoing)

Extrapolating images beyond the frame ("uncropping") by integrating recent CV developments into an encoder/decoder + GAN architecture in Pytorch. Work in progress.

TfC BallotDropoff | 2020

Volunteering for TechForCampaigns alongside other engineers, built webapp to locate ballot dropoff locations for the 2020 General Election. Built data pipelines ingesting from multiple sources, location and schedule parsing, user jurisdiction identification logic, per-jurisdiction ballot submission logic. Handled all data for FL & GA, plus Civic Info API support. Over 200,000 voters assisted.

github.com/tfc-code/dropoff-locations

Prediction Market Analysis | 2016

Solo big data project analyzing every trade every made on a prediction market. Identified probable inefficiencies.

github.com/jaidhyani/IntradeAnalysis

Powershame | 2013

Solo built app + backend; Broadcast desktop timelapse to discourage slacking. (no longer active)

CompLing REU @ UChicago | 2007

Speech synthesis in tonal languages

DIMACS REU @ Rutgers | 2006

Applications of SVMs in Seizure Prediction

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Undergraduate | Class of 2010

- Concentration: Artificial Intelligence
- Revived then-defunct ACM and served as treasurer

EXPERIENCE

FACEBOOK | HATE SPEECH ENGINEERING

2017 - 2020: Software Engineer - Machine Learning & Infrastructure

- Developed Facebook's first proactive hate speech classifiers to identify violations of FB's Community Standards
- Addressed unique market challenges with language, dialect, and market-specific classifiers.
- Built optimized models to run billions of times per day
- Integrated computer vision signals to create multi-modal classifiers
- Integrated highly-multi-lingual transformers to improve classifier performance (XLM-R)
- Identified and addressed novel issues in existing training pipeline infrastructure causing unintended classifier behavior
- Built custom volume-adjusted thresholding system to optimize use of labeling resources
- Developed stratified offline datasets to enable rapid testing and iteration.
- Built fully-automated classifier deployment pipeline capable of daily updates across multiple languages with A/B tested pilot models
- Surfaced issues impacting user well-being

LENDINGROBOT | PEER LENDING INVESTMENTS

2016 - 2017: Senior Backend Engineer; Financial Data Analyst

- Delivered **machine-learning investment strategy** for world's first peer-lending robo-fund
- Delivered weekly reports to CEO detailing investment progress and recommending improvements
- Built framework to develop, test, analyze, and compare investment strategies
- Automated collection of historical and live data from multiple peer-lending marketplaces to enable more accurate analysis
- Delivered consistent **5+% returns** on automated investments
- Invested over \$50 million on behalf of clients
- Notarized investment records on the Ethereum blockchain

AMAZON | AWS NETWORKING

2014 - 2015: Systems Engineer II

- Reduced testing cycle from **weeks** to **hours** by aggressively automating test processes, enabling faster deployments with higher confidence so that AWS and amazon.com can continue to scale under accelerating demand
- Built custom tools to automate management of highly specialized hardware.
- Conceived/built/deployed novel Docker deployment to remove a hardware bottleneck by isolating network activity per interface

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE | SYSTEMS ENGINEERING

2011 - 2013: Linux Systems Engineer | 2013: Lead Systems Engineer

- Built, deployed, and proactively responded to thousands of custom metrics to maintain voter databases, application backends, databases, email, and other critical campaign infrastructure 24/7
- Revamped backup system to achieve better fidelity, 2x cheaper and 3x faster
- Delivered empirical cost-benefit analysis between different deployment strategies, saving hundreds of thousands of dollars
- Built system to capture nightly snapshots of web pages and compare differences across time; Used by researchers, national debate prep