John Alling

Kessel Run Software Engineer

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Education

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

May 2021

Master of Science in Computational Science & Engineering

Relevant Coursework: Artificial Intelligence | Tiny Machine Learning | High Performance Computing

Northeastern University, Boston, MA

May 2020

Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering - Summa Cum Laude | Minor in Mathematics

Honors: Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honors Society, Dean's List

Relevant Coursework: Software Performance Evaluation | Robotics | Computer Systems | Algorithms

Technical Skills

Programming Languages:

Python (Tensorflow, Pandas, PyTorch, PySpark, Scipy), SQL, C++, C, JavaScript/Typescript, MATLAB Software Methods:

Agile, Extreme Programming, CI/CD, Containerization, Test Driven Development Software Technologies:

Docker, Pivotal Cloud Foundry, Linux OS, Gitlab, Github, AWS, Mac OS, Spark/Hadoop

Work Experience

Kessel Run, Boston, MA

Software Engineer June 2022 – Present

- Developed microservice architecture-based app to automatically plan tanker air refueling missions
- Made continuous improvements to diverse codebase using Python, JavaScript, and SQL
- Utilized agile and XP practices to provide constant deployment upgrades for PCF-hosted application

Air Force Research Laboratory, Rome, NY

Artificial Intelligence & Edge Computing Engineer

June 2021 - June 2022

- Implemented deep learning algorithms on low SwAP hardware to advance neuromorphic computing
- Explored novel methods of increasing robustness in AI/ML models to adversarial attack

Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH

Reinforcement Learning Research Intern

September - December 2019

- Leveraged state-of-the-art deep reinforcement learning techniques to train autonomous satellites
- Architected software packages using Docker

Massachusetts Institute of Technology Lincoln Laboratory, Lexington, MA

Advanced Capabilities and Systems Engineering Intern

May - September 2019

- Evaluated SIFT-based UAS localization processing chain using CUDA
- Optimized HUD of UAS ground control station using Qt to improve UX

Advanced Capabilities and Systems Technical Assistant Co-op

June - December 2018

- Developed computer vision algorithms for micro-UAV navigation with OpenCV
- Extended detection algorithms to prototype visual servoing guidance
- Integrated developments using Robot Operating System (ROS) middleware

Surveillance Systems Engineering Co-op

July - December 2017

- Analyzed collision avoidance and surveillance algorithm performance of aircraft collision avoidance system
- Upgraded C++ based simulation framework on Lincoln Laboratory supercomputing capability

Oak Ridge National Laboratories, Oak Ridge, TN

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Robotics Intern

June - August 2016

- Programmed algorithms utilized by the world's largest 3D printers, translating C++ code into G-code by ORNL Slicer software
- Reduced G-code requirements in print layers by 33% using arc commands