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EXPERIENCE

• Snap, Inc. (Snapchat)

Seattle, WA

Machine Learning Engineering - Tech Lead / Manager (Perception)

June 2016 - Present

- o Drove & implemented camera unlocking experience that enables AR content to be triggered by scanning plain images (markers); unlocks thousands of community submitted lenses & high profile integrations like Cheetos scannable commercial (Superbowl LIV), Alex Israel x Snapchat (Art Basel), Vogue x Snapchat (Cannes Lion)
- Lauched visual classification via Scan Module in Snapchat's Lens Studio which gives AR creators the ability to recognize 500+ object types accross 4 categories (Objects, Places, Cars, Dogs) within a Snapchat lens
- Drove development of Snapchat's first in-house optical character recognition service used by visual search products and content moderation services (resulted in 240% increase in engagement bait detection)
- Drove development of reverse image search capabilities for Scan, and deployed supporting infrastructure including focused web crawling and large scale web archiving / data warehousing solutions.
- Authored billion⁺ scale embedding similarity search engine that powers visual search use cases (e.g. fashion, product, lenses) and content-based machine learning data collection (e.g. visually or audio similar media retrieval)
- Trained & deployed multiple computer vision models powering Scan including fine grained scene classifier, sky segmentation, hand detection, logo detection; also contributed to backend services supporting Scan
- o Contributed to backend & iOS/Android apps for context cards, widgets, search, messaging, friending & web
- Managed a mix of core infrastructure and machine learning engineers, actively recruited & defined job roles, grew team from 0 to 9 engineers in 7 months; defined & owned technical roadmap for Perception content understanding

• Amazon.com, Inc.

Seattle, WA

Software Development Engineer II

Sept 2011 - June 2016

- Developed software for product de-duplication system that continuously improves Amazon.com catalog quality
- o Contributed catalog validation logic & matching criteria; launched over 30 new Amazon.com product categories

• Carnegie Mellon University

Pittsburgh, PA

Graduate Research Assistant

Jan 2010 - August 2011

- Conducted research in natural language processing & educational computing applications; resulted in 8 publications
- Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR)

San Diego, CA

Naval Research Enterprise Intern

May 2009 - Aug 2009

• Designed experiments & developed text classifiers for use on military chat posts. Results published in ICMLA

Skills & Technologies

• Coding: Python, Java, Go

Cloud / Dev Tools: AWS, Google Cloud, Docker, Kubernetes, Spinnaker, Git

• Machine Learning: TensorFlow, PyTorch, Kubeflow, Triton

Big Data: Apache Spark, Airflow, Beam, NoSQL

Select Talks & Publications (3 industry talks, 12 academic papers, 500+ citations)

• Open-Vocabulary Object Detection Using Captions A Zareian, K Dela Rosa, DH Hu, SF Chang

CVPR 2021

• MLOps at Snapchat: Continuous Machine Learning with Kubeflow & Spinnaker

Kubecon

K Dela Rosa

2020

• Build accurate training datasets with Amazon SageMaker Ground Truth V Madan, K Dela Rosa

2019

• Adding intelligence to your JS applications K Dela Rosa CascadiaJS 2015

AWS re:Invent

• Topical Clustering of Tweets

ACM SIGIR Workshop on Social Web & Mining

K Dela Rosa, R Shah, B Lin, A Gershman, R Frederking

2011

EDUCATION

• Carnegie Mellon University

Master of Computer Science in Language Technologies

Pittsburgh, PA August 2011

• University of Texas at Arlington

Arlington, TX

Bachelor of Science in Software Engineering & Physics (double major)

May 2009