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Information Retrieval | NLP | Dialogue Systems | Retrieval-Enhanced ML | Search and QA

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Education	Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) Aug 2023 - (2028) Ph.D. Language and Information Technology at Language Technologies Institute (LTI). Advisor: Prof. Fernando Diaz Focus: retrieval-enhanced machine learning, known-item retrieval
	University College London (UCL) Sep 2018 - Sep 2022 M.Eng. Computer Science (4-year master's integrated undergrad. degree) First-Class Honours Minor: Modern Applications of Engineering Mathematics Thesis: Multi-Task Neural User Simulator for Task Oriented Dialogue System
Conference Publications	A Multi-Task Based Neural Model to Simulate Users in Goal-Oriented Dialogue Systems T.E. Kim , A. Lipani [paper] [poster] [code] <i>45th ACM SIGIR Conference on Research and Development in Information Retrieval (SIGIR)</i> , 2022 Conditia: A State Machine Like Architecture for Multi-Modal Task Bots J. Ramos*, T.E. Kim *, Z. Shi, X. Fu, F. Ye, Y. Feng, A. Lipani [paper] <i>Alexa Prize TaskBot Challenge Proceedings</i> , 2022 Attention-based Ingredient Phrase Parser Z. Shi, P. Ni, M. Wang, T.E. Kim , A. Lipani [paper] [code] <i>European Symposium on Artificial Neural Networks, Computational Intelligence and Machine Learning (ESANN)</i> , 2022
Preprints	A Comprehensive Survey on Generative Diffusion Models for Structured Data H. Koo, T.E. Kim [paper] <i>arXiv</i> , 2023 When and What to Ask Through World States and Text Instructions: IGLU NLP Challenge Solution Z. Shi*, J. Ramos*, T.E. Kim , X. Wang, H. Rahmani, A. Lipani [paper] <i>arXiv</i> , 2023
Research & Industry Experience	CMU LTI - Graduate Research Assistant Aug 2023 - Present UCL Web Intelligence Group May 2021 - Jun 2023 Research & Teaching Assistant UCL Centre for AI <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supervised by Prof. Emine Yilmaz and Dr. Aldo Lipani• Alexa Prize TaskBot Challenge - Quarter-finals.• Four research papers.• Four TAs and lecturer for Python programming course. Raft AI Jun 2022 - Jul 2022 Machine Learning Engineer Intern London, UK <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tabular information extraction from OCR for freight forwarding automation.• Use of modern dev tools, e.g., Gitlab, Jira, Sentry, Docker, Kubernetes, GCP. Amazon Alexa Prize TaskBot Challenge May 2021 - Mar 2022 Team Conditia <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engineered a Task-oriented Dialogue System by using Alexa Skills Kit, Evi, DynamoDB, Lambda, and CodePipeline. Constructed and maintained CI/CD pipelines, deployed multiple micro-services with Flask and Docker, dealing with thousands of user conversations with feedback loop (more details in Master's thesis).

	UCL (Human-Computer) Interaction Centre - bachelor's group thesis Oct 2020 - Apr 2021 Project <i>Olfactory-NLP</i> with group members and Prof. Marianna Obrist . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extracted smell-related phrases and clustered multiple passages into different olfactory groups. • Literature Review: <i>An NLP Approach to Classify Smell Experiences</i>. [paper] • <i>Exploring the potential of automating the process of clustering smell stories</i>. [paper] [code]
	KB Securities Jun 2020 - Aug 2020 Data Analyst Intern Seoul, South Korea <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Built a mutual funds recommender system based on Network Analysis, Hierarchical Clustering and Association Rule Mining. • Built a stock price prediction system using LSTM and news articles. [code] • Social media sentiment monitoring system using KB's NLP Engine and Automation software. • Use of Hadoop ecosystem (Map-reduce, Hive, and Hue).
	Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) Oct 2019 - Mar 2020 Software Engineer - UCL Industrial Exchange Network London, UK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree-based task-oriented chatbot that assists in checking software compliance regimes of British healthcare organizations. • RESTful API for user intents and entities detection using Dialogflow. • Chatbot integration testing [code]
Teaching Experience	UCL Intense Python Programming course, Course Co-Organiser and Lecturer (March 2023) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designing and will lead a new intensive programming course for MSc dissertations. UCL COMP0189 Applied Artificial Intelligence, <i>Teaching Assistant</i> (Term2 22/23) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making weekly practical contents and coursework [GitHub] UCL COMP0071 Software Engineering, <i>Teaching Assistant</i> (Term2 22/23) UCL CEGE0004 Machine Learning for Data Science, <i>Teaching Assistant</i> (Term2 22/23) UCL CEGE0096 Geospatial Programming, <i>Teaching Assistant</i> (Term1 22/23) UCL Artificial Intelligence Society, <i>Lecturer</i> 2020 - 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founder, maintainer, and lecturer of Machine Learning Tutorial Series • Season 20/21: [GitHub] [Lecture Recordings] Season 21/22: [GitHub]
Workshops & Presentations	NeurIPS '22 competition: <i>IGLU: Interactive Grounded Language Understanding in a Collaborative Environment</i> , Research Prize solution presentation, 6th Dec., 2022 NLP Interest Group at The Alan Turing Institute, <i>Can Dialogue Systems Have Theory-of-Mind Ability?</i> , 24th Nov., 2022. [recording] [slides] Knowledge Graphs Interest Group at The Alan Turing Institute (5th meet-up), <i>Personal Knowledge Graphs: Towards Better Conversational Assistants</i> , 27th Oct., 2022. [recording] [slides] Search-Oriented Conversational AI Workshop (SCAI '22), <i>A Multi-Task Based Neural Model to Simulate Users in Goal-Oriented Dialogue Systems</i> , 15th Jul., 2022. [recording] [slides]
Awards	2022 NeurIPS Interactive Grounded Language Understanding (IGLU) – Research Prize – \$650 2022 Automated Knowledge Graph Construction (AKBC) Conference – Registration fee waiver 2022 SIGIR Student Travel Grant – Registration fee waiver 2021 UCL Student Union best societies award – <i>Centenary Award (UCL AI Society)</i> 2021 UCL CS Undergraduate Summer Research Internship Fund – £3,200
Community Involvement	The Alan Turing Institute NLP Interest Group, <i>member</i> Nov 2022 The Alan Turing Institute Knowledge Graphs Interest Group, <i>member</i> Sep 2022 Automated Knowledge Graph Construction (AKBC) Conference, <i>volunteer</i> Nov 2022 ICLR 2023 (<i>Reviewer</i>), CIKM 2022 (<i>Sub-reviewer</i>) July, Oct 2022 UCL Artificial Intelligence Society, <i>Head of Tutorials Team</i> Sep 2019 - Jun 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-organised an international competition, <i>Climate Hack.AI</i> [GitHub] [media coverage] NLP paper reading group (Jiphyeonjeon), <i>Season 2,3 Organizer</i> May 2021 - Nov 2022

- Season 2: Survey on Task-Oriented Dialog System and Knowledge Graph construction.
[\[slides\]](#) [\[recording\]](#) (spoken in Korean)
- Season 3: Recent Advances and Challenges in Task-oriented Dialogue Systems.
[\[slides\]](#) [\[recording\]](#) (spoken in Korean)

UCL CS Transition Mentor, <i>Mentor - helping 1st year CS students</i>	Sep 2020 - Jun 2022
Google Developer Student Club, <i>UCL core team - event with Marc Cohen</i>	Sep 2021 - Jun 2022
UCL Korean Society, <i>IT Director - webmail automation</i>	Jun 2020 - May 2021

Individual Projects	Unified API of Apache Kafka & Google Pub/Sub for model serving • Simple ML inference model is served in an event-driven way. [code]	Nov 2021
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	Propositional Semantic Tableau Validator • Parse propositional logic, build a semantic tableau, and check its logical satisfiability (implemented in C) [code]	Dec 2019
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Professional Training	Google Developers Korea Machine Learning Bootcamp Deep Learning Specialization (Prof. Andrew Ng on Coursera) UCLQ Summer School in Quantum Technology Introduction to AI in the Data Center (NVIDIA) KAIST Artificial Intelligence Bootcamp [Project 1] [Project 2]	Oct 2020 - Jan 2021 Dec 2020 Sep 2020 Mar 2020 Jun 2019 - Aug 2019
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Major Skills	Computer Language: Python, Java, C, Matlab, R, \LaTeX Research: PyTorch, TensorFlow2, HuggingFace, Scikit-Learn SW Dev: Docker, SQL, Kafka, Node, Express, React, Flask Platform: Unix, Git, AWS, Alexa Skills Kit, GCP Natural Language: English (professional), Korean (native)
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References	Available on request.
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