

# Kostadin Devedzhiev

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## Education

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### University of Cambridge

Master of Philosophy in Human-Inspired Artificial Intelligence

Cambridge, UK | October 2025 – June 2026

### Stony Brook University

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Applied Mathematics & Statistics

Specialization in Artificial Intelligence and Data Science

Computer Science Honors Program

GPA: 3.89 / 4.00 | Summa Cum Laude

Stony Brook, NY | August 2018 – May 2022

## Research Interests

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Former Software Engineer with expertise in Human-in-the-Loop Artificial Intelligence and interactive system design, focused on advancing human–machine collaboration through intuitive, intelligent interfaces.

## Work and Research Experience

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### Software Engineer, Stellar Cyber

San Jose, CA | May 2022 – September 2025

- **Developed** the chat interface, session management, and visualization suite for the Open XDR Investigator, a GenAI-powered cybersecurity copilot that enables data summarization and multi-chart visualizations of Elasticsearch queries and aggregations, all driven by natural language prompts.
- **Implemented** bidirectional WebSocket communication, reducing average response times by **70%** through parallel data and LLM requests, and providing real-time progress updates.
- **Built** knowledge-enriched GPTs capable of visualizations, API calls, and scripts. These GPTs supported log analysis, product metrics evaluation, connector normalization, and data source classification.
- **Implemented, maintained, and managed** the product and user analytics framework using Mixpanel, generating detailed reports to guide UX design, optimize data storage, and uncover user behavior patterns.
- **Maintained** over **90%** test coverage, reducing bug filings on owned components by **34%** year-over-year.

### NLP Research Assistant, Stony Brook University

Stony Brook, NY | August 2021 – May 2022

- **Designed** Recursive QA—a theoretical framework for generating formal representation annotations of natural language specifications using a guided question-answering methodology.
- **Generated** question-answer pairs from the constituency parse trees and filtered repetitive options using affinity clustering based on Levenshtein distance.
- **Developed** an interactive full-stack web application integrating the question-answering framework, enhancing annotation quality control with features like account management, work history tracking, and graph visualizations.
- **Improved** workflow efficiency by reducing cognitive load and enhancing annotation consistency, achieving an annotator agreement rate of over **80%**, with experienced users completing annotations in as little as **25 seconds**.

### Artificial Intelligence Research Assistant, University of Hawaii at Hilo

Hilo, HI | June 2020 – August 2020

- **Developed** a threshold estimation heuristic using IoU and F1 score metrics to optimize acceptance of real-time CNN proposals for detection and classification tasks in an image annotation UI.
- **Enhanced** a human-in-the-loop, semi-automatic image annotation tool for identifying invasive species in drone imagery, enabling progressive assistance as accuracy increases during real-time training.

### Creative Electronic Media Assistant, University of Hawaii at Hilo

Hilo, HI | Mar 2020 – May 2020

- **Developed** an API to control a holographic fan, enabling integration with external applications.
- **Created** the website for Data Viz, a data visualization lab, showcasing media projects through videos and photos.
- **Installed** and **configured** operating systems and software, and **maintained** computers and 3D printers in labs.

### Software Engineering Intern, Vivansa

Sofia, Bulgaria | June 2019 – August 2019

- **Enhanced** the front end of a CRM application to improve UI components and user experience.

- Identified and resolved erroneous database entries, implemented data cleaning procedures, and analyzed root causes to prevent future inconsistencies.

## Teaching Experience

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Teaching Assistant, Stony Brook University

Stony Brook, NY | August 2020 – May 2021

- Supported in teaching AMS 210: Applied Linear Algebra for two semesters.
- Held weekly office hours to assist students with coursework and graded assignments.

Linear Algebra Grader, University of Hawaii at Hilo

Hilo, HI | March 2020 – May 2020

- Graded exams and assignments for MATH 311: Linear Algebra.
- Provided homework assistance to students, enhancing their understanding of linear algebra concepts.

Computer Science Grader, University of Hawaii at Hilo

Hilo, HI | October 2019 – December 2019

- Evaluated programming assignments for CS 150: Introduction to Computer Science.
- Assisted students with homework to improve fundamental programming principles.

## Publications

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P-M Binder, Kostadin G Devedzhiev, Alexandra T Runyan. (2020). Motional emf generated by squeezing an elliptical conducting loop. *European Journal of Physics*, European Physical Society. <https://doi.org/10.1088/1361-6404/ABB066>

- Developed an algorithm to approximate the motional EMF induced in conducting elliptical loops with a controlled error margin using Faraday's law of electromagnetic induction.

## Leadership Experience

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Vertically Integrated Projects Member, Stony Brook University

Stony Brook, NY | August 2020 – December 2021

- Led the Embedded ML team of three students. Held hands-on learning sessions on training artificial neural networks with TensorFlow and PyTorch for mechanical engineering students.
- Embedded an optimized convolutional neural network (CNN) on an Arduino Nano 33 BLE Sense microcontroller for real-time gesture recognition using accelerometer data.
- Designed the full pipeline—from data collection and preparation to model training, conversion, and deployment—achieving comparable accuracy to existing solutions while training on fewer users and generalizing to unseen users.

## Projects

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GONEXT, Passion Project

- Developed an in-game generative AI conversational assistant for *League of Legends*, capable of retrieving live game data, including information on all allies and enemies.
- Delivered customized game strategies, matchups, synergies, and item builds by providing real-time player and game data as context to GPT-4o.
- Designed an intuitive interface to display game metrics, player match history, league rankings, and win rates.

I Want to Redistrict, Senior Software Engineering Project

- Processed the 2020 US Census data and utilized a supercomputer to generate viable state districting plans through a stochastic graph algorithm, considering political fairness, compactness, and other statistical metrics.
- Developed a web application for the visual and statistical analysis of equitable state districting plans.

## Technical Skills

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Fields of Expertise: Full Stack Development | Machine Learning | Data Science | NLP | Prompt Engineering | HCI

Programming Languages: Python | JavaScript | Typescript | Java | C

Frameworks and Databases: Angular | MongoDB | Elastic Search | FastAPI | LangChain | React | TensorFlow | PyTorch