Vojtech Letal

About me

I'm a passionate ML engineer with experience building and deploying models. I'm seeking new opportunities to help people make the most of LLMs in daily life.

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Professional Experience

Software Engineer, Google (Zurich, Switzerland)

09/2022-present

- Main contributor to the launch of a new Gemini feature that allows users to select and modify response parts (achieving a 90% response acceptance rate).
- Curated high-quality datasets for fine-tuning and reward modeling using annotation and model distillation.
- Trained and evaluated handwriting recognition transformer models for handwritten math recognition (20% project).

Staff Scientist, AI - Avast s.r.o. (Prague, Czechia)

04/2021 - 08/2022

- Personally recognized by the CEO Ondrej Vlcek as one of a small group of employees with high growth potential.
- Responsible for internal productization of a deep learning platform based on Mill.jl co-developed by Avast and CTU.
- Developed and maintained a DL pipeline that classified malware samples, processing **all** user-reported malware samples in near-real time.

Senior ML Engineer & Tech Lead - Blindspot.ai (Prague, Czechia)

09/2015-04/2021

- Leading a team of developers working on several analytical and ML tasks for a US-based cybersec startup.
- Responsible for developing a real-time event-based anomaly detection platform.
- Contributed to the popularization of regression modeling for live election counts in Czechia.

DS12 Resident - DataScience Inc. (Culver City, CA, USA)

summer 2016

- 1 of 9 residents selected to participate in a 12-week elite, intensive residency program with 2.5% acceptance rate.
- Implemented recommendation system, churn prediction model, and scalable ETL pipeline costing 36x less per run.

R&D - Cisco Systems (Prague, Czechia)

06/2014 - 08/2015

- $\bullet \ \ {\rm Implemented \ novel \ Bayesian \ inference \ algorithm \ to \ estimate \ probability \ of \ maliciousness \ of \ domains.}$
- Extensively used big data technologies such as Twitter Scalding and Apache Spark.

Education

Master's degree in Artificial Intelligence

09/2012-06/2015

Czech Technical University in Prague - Open Informatics (First-class honors)

Knowledge

Languages Czech (Native), English (Fluent)

Programming Python, C/C++, Java/Kotlin, Scala, Bash, Git, SQL, Angular

Frameworks Tensorflow, Scikit-Learn, Pandas, Jupyter

Skills LLMs, Prompt Engineering, Parameter-Efficient Methods, Machine Learning

Patents

Discovering yet unknown malicious domains using relational data. US Patent: 10,320,823 Modifying Source Code Using Generative Models. US Patent: Pending

Publications

Vojtech Letal, Tomas Pevny, Vaclav Smidl, and Petr Somol. Finding new malicious domains using variational bayes on large-scale computer network data. In *Advances in Approximate Bayesian Inference*, NIPS 2015 Workshop, 2015.