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EDUCATION

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| 2017-Current | PhD in ENGINEERING, University of Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, UK |
| 2013-2017 | BEng Hons in SOFTWARE ENGINEERING AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK FIRST CLASS (SUMMA CUM LAUDE) - 4.0 GPA |

RESEARCH AND PROJECTS

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| 2016-2017 | RoboAnt Research <i>University of Edinburgh</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Researched in the mobile-powered robotics area under the supervision of a professor at UoE.• Implemented mobile-phone powered autonomous robot based on insect brain.• Devised new algorithms/implemented Ant Navigational Toolkit (Path Integration, Visual Homing, Search) |
| 2016-2017 | Image Classification With DNN <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Experimented on CIFAR-10 and CIFAR-100 with Tensor Flow Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs).• Focused on Multitask Learning, devising new learning rules for the procedure and adopting them to increase default performance. |
| 2016 | Hand-written digit classification with DNN <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Experimented with Adaptive Learning Rules, Batch Normalization, Convolutional Neural Networks.• Increased CNN forward and backward propagation speed of common algorithms by 2x (Python, no GPU).• Achieved near state of the art performance on MNIST dataset. |
| 2015-2016 | System Design Project <i>University of Edinburgh</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Built a robotic prototype for two-a-side football competition.• Implemented general machine learning algorithms, image processing and remote autonomous planning.• Prototype built using Arduino board and various electrical and mechanical components. |
| 2015 | Undergraduate Research Practical <i>University of Edinburgh</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Researched along a professor at UoE in the area of Bidirectional Transformations.• Explored OO implementations of the concepts and implemented models of Bx behavior in Java. |
| 2015 | Research on the Carneades Argumentation System <i>University of Edinburgh</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developed a python version of the Carneades system of argument evaluation. |

WORK EXPERIENCE

Aug 2016
May 2016

Software Engineer at EXTRAORDINARY MANAGED SERVICES LTD, Edinburgh

- Front and back end experience through development of large software for in-house use.
- Member of SCRUM team.
- Administration of a large and complex network (ISP level).
- Deployment of new networking infrastructure.

May 2017
Sept 2014

Resident Assistant at CHANCELLOR'S COURT, Edinburgh
University of Edinburgh (UoE)

- Managed multiple floors of a university residence with ethnically different people.
- Counseled students on different personal and academic issues.
- Developed communication, creativity, leadership, event planning, community building, time management and analytical skills.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2017

Howe Undergraduate Prize, at The University of Edinburgh

- Best performance in Artificial Intelligence by a final-year student.

2017

BEng in Artificial Intelligence & Software Engineering class prize, at The University of Edinburgh

- Best performance in Artificial Intelligence & Software Engineering by a final-year student.

2016

Winner of robotic 2-a-side Football tournament (System Design Project), at The University of Edinburgh

2015

Winner of the Edinburgh Award at University of Edinburgh

2014

Winner of The Smart Data Hack (hackathon) at The University of Edinburgh

2009-2013

Three times winner of scholarship "Borsa di Studio Benivegna".

- Highest final cumulative grade achieved in current year of "Vittorio Emanuele III".

2013

Informatics Diploma - Graduated with a score of 100 in "Esami di Stato".

2010

Winner of "Premio di studi prof. Erasmo Siino" II Edition

- Highest final grade achieved among all students in the town of Capaci.

INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES

Interests: Robotics, AI, Machine Learning, Vision, Technology, Open-Source, Coding Competitions, Outdoors, Traveling.

Member of Edinburgh University Young Researchers Association (EUYRA).

Martial Artist and Judo black belt: competed at National, European and International level (2003-2014).