

# Martin Matak

PhD Student at the University of Utah

<https://martinmatak.github.io>

## EDUCATION

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### University of Utah, School of Computing (USA)

PhD in Computer Science

Aug 2019 – present

- Advisor: Tucker Hermans

### TU Wien (Austria)

MSc in Computational Intelligence / Logic and Computation

Oct 2016 – June 2019

- Advisor: Georg Weissenbacher
- Thesis: *Attacks against Neural Networks* [PDF]
- Courses that were particularly interesting to me: *Machine Learning, Deep Learning in Visual Computing, Security in Machine Learning, Similarity Modeling, Introduction to NLP*

### University of Zagreb, Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing (Croatia)

BSc in Computer Science

Sep 2013 – Jul 2016

- Thesis: *Data Processing with Technology Apache Spark*
- Completed optional courses *Introduction to Java, Solving Optimization Problems Using Evolutionary Computation Algorithms in Java, Basic Use of Linux Operating System*

## SELECTED PROJECTS

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### Adversarial perturbations against deep neural networks

Jul 2018 – Apr 2019

- Trained several classifiers for human age estimation from the given image. Evaluated several white-box and black-box attacks against the classifiers. Developed a new black-box attack based on the existing state of the art algorithm. Some adversarial samples successfully tricked Microsoft service for age estimation.
- Tech stack: Tensorflow, Keras, and Python 3
- Source: <https://github.com/martinmatak/adversarial-framework>

### Monero linkability

Oct 2017 – Feb 2018

- This project is implementation of the paper: *An Empirical Analysis of Linkability in the Monero Blockchain*.
- Tech stack: Scala, Spark and Google Cloud
- Source: <https://github.com/martinmatak/monero-linkability>

### Neural Bird

Sep 2015 – Jan 2016

- Five of us developed a harder version of flappy bird and trained the agent (a neural network) to play better than human. My part was developing a neural network from scratch. More info about the project: <http://morgoth.zemris.fer.hr/data-repo/proj/1/>.
- Tech stack: Java
- Source: <https://github.com/martinmatak/NeuralBird>

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### Deloitte Digital, Vienna, Austria

Software developer

May 2018 – July 2019

- Developing a loyalty program for a client
  - Technologies used: Java, Oracle, Docker, Git, Linux

### Austrian Institute of Technology (AIT), Vienna, Austria

Data science intern

Oct 2017 – Feb 2018

- I did the *monero linkability* project mentioned above for them
  - Technologies used: Scala, Google Cloud Computing, Git, Linux

### CROZ d.o.o., Zagreb, Croatia

Software Engineering Intern

Jul 2016 – Oct 2016

- worked on graph search through natural language (Croatian)
  - Technologies used: Java, Neo4j (NoSQL database) , React, Git, Linux

### University of Zagreb, Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing, Croatia

Teaching assistant

Feb 2014 – July 2018

- Algorithms and Data Structures: Summer Semester (SS) '14, SS '15
- Introduction to Java programming language: SS '16, SS '18

## ACHIEVEMENTS

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Java	Part of a team where three of us won Code Quest - programming contest <a href="http://croz.net/news/odrzan-5-croz-code-quest">http://croz.net/news/odrzan-5-croz-code-quest</a>
Learning skills	One of the two students in generation who receive a <i>scholarship for outstanding students</i> ( <a href="http://logic-cs.at/master/grants-and-scholarships/">http://logic-cs.at/master/grants-and-scholarships/</a> ).