Dr. Matt Sears





Full Stack Engineer | Data Scientist | AWS Certified Developer – Associate

I'm a full stack software engineer and university-trained data scientist with a ♥ for Clean Code, DevOps, GitOps, and Developer Experience. I have over 10 years of experience developing software and I've published six peer-reviewed papers. I also have an extensive background in the construction industry.

Recent Work – See more on my personal site 🚨



Senior Software Engineer Leadrilla, Lexington, KY (Remote) Aug 2021 - Present

- Introduced and implemented DevOps: Infrastructure as Code, unit, integration, and load testing, containerization, automated rolling deployments, monitoring, reporting dashboards
- Developed new features from designs (e.g., new marketplace), including tech specs, schema design, serverless and traditional backend services, frontend components and state management

Senior Manager, Business Analytics and Research

National Center for Construction Education and Research (Remote) Oct 2019 - Aug 2021

- Architected, deployed, migrated, monitored, and maintained the entire backend of a new Single Sign-On service
- Completely overhauled an antiquated database and reporting system, including a database cloud migration (MSSQL => RDS Aurora Postgres), ETL pipeline, drastically improved data schema, new GraphQL API, new CRUD web app, and dozens of Power BI reports. Resulted in significant cost savings and provided staff and customers with insights that had never previously been possible

Graduate Research Assistant (PhD Student)

University of Colorado, Boulder, CO (Primarily Remote)

Aug 2016 - May 2020

- Developed an Artificial Neural Network (ANN) and web app for the Colorado DOT, providing substantially more accurate and consistent estimates of construction durations than CDOT's existing methods, app is now used for all new projects throughout the state
- Developed a web app that applied the decision-making Delphi Method **50x faster** than traditional implementations, results published in a CII-funded research study (Research Team DCC-01)
- Developed an open-source web app for analyzing and animating eye tracking data to study how construction craft workers read construction drawings, results published in 6 peer-reviewed papers

Civil Engineer Dyer & Associates, Richmond, KY (Remote) May 2014 - Nov 2018

Construction Project Manager 3D Enterprises, Lexington, KY Jan 2011 – May 2014

Education

PhD, Civil Engineering University of Colorado

2016 - 2020 (3.9 GPA)

BS, Civil Engineering University of Kentucky 2014 - 2016 (3.9 GPA)

BS, Construction Management Eastern Kentucky University 2008 - 2012 (3.8 GPA)

Research Expertise

Construction Productivity, Eye Tracking, Deep Learning

Software Skills

Languages & Frameworks

JavaScript, TypeScript, Node.js, Next.is, Express.is, Meteor.is, Electron.is, Gatsby.is, SQL, PHP, Laravel, Dart, Flutter, Python, R

DevOps & GitOps

Git, Terraform, GitHub Actions, Docker, ECS, Jest, Mocha, k6, CloudFormation, CloudWatch, Amplify, Webpack, Babel, Jira

Backend & Data Engineering

AWS Lambda, RDS, EC2, API Gateway, Glue, DMS, Athena, DynamoDB, PostgreSQL, tRPC, GraphQL, Hasura, MongoDB, MSSQL, Keras, DAX, TensorFlow

Front-End & Design

React.is, Material UI, Tailwind, Figma, Sketch, Power BI