

# Chris Barrick

A.I. SOFTWARE ENGINEER · DATA SCIENTIST

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“Write programs that do one thing and do it well. Write programs to work together.”

## Skills

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**Languages** Python, Prolog, Rust, Go, Java, JavaScript (Node), SQL

**Platforms** Google Cloud Dataproc, Anaconda, Debian/Ubuntu, Arch Linux

**Technologies** PyTorch, Tensorflow, Spark, Hive, netCDF/HDF5, CLP(FD), Scikit-learn, NLTK, Jupyter, Docker, Git

## Experience

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### UGA Institute for Artificial Intelligence

Athens, GA

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Aug. 2016 - PRESENT

- Developing predictive, deep learning models from over 2TB of forecast data with PyTorch.
- Developed a data ingestion pipeline for NOAA weather forecasts in Python with xarray and netCDF.

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Atlanta, GA

PROLOG DEVELOPER AND INTERN

May. 2017 - Aug. 2017

- Advised business leaders in the transition from a legacy Prolog system into a Java-based microservice architecture.
- Drafted a data model with support for dynamic objects on a SQL backend.

### Digital Envoy

Atlanta, GA

SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT INTERN

May. 2016 - Aug. 2016

- Developed a system on Hive to alert for suspicious changes to weekly database releases.

### Engage

Clayton, GA

FRONTEND WEB DEVELOPER

Jul. 2013 - Jun. 2014

- Prototyped mobile apps using web technologies with Apache Cordova.

## Education

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### University of Georgia

Athens, GA

M.S. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Aug. 2016 - PRESENT

- Thesis on predictive models for solar energy production using 2TB of NOAA forecasts.
- Interdisciplinary coursework in Computer Science, Linguistics, and Philosophy.
- **Courses:** Algorithms, Generative Syntax, Philosophy of Language, Knowledge Based Systems, Decision Making under Uncertainty, Biomedical Informatics, Data Science II, Applied Machine Learning, Advanced Data Analytics, Data Science Practicum

### University of Georgia

Athens, GA

COMPUTER SCIENCE AND COGNITIVE SCIENCE

Aug. 2011 - Dec. 2015

- Double major with an area of emphasis in Artificial Intelligence.
- Developed a conditional term-rewriting system in Prolog as a directed study in AI.
- **Select courses:** Model Theory, Symbolic Programming, Evolutionary Algorithms, Artificial Intelligence, Linear Algebra, Multivariable Calculus, Cognitive Psychology, Philosophical Psychology, Computer Networks, Databases

## Organizations

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### DELUG: Deep Learning @ UGA

Athens, GA

CORE MEMBER & OFFICER IN 2018

Nov. 2017 - Present

- Presented the club's inaugural lecture on vanishing gradients and tips to avoid them: Xavier initialization, ReLU, Batch Norm, and SELU.

## Projects

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### Hydrus: Scalable document classification in Spark.

UGA

[github.com/dsp-uga/hydrus](https://github.com/dsp-uga/hydrus)

2018

- Implements Gaussian Naive Bayes and Logistic Regression from low-level RDD operations.
- Designed for deployment to Google Cloud Dataproc.

### Plum: A logical agent for the board game *Clue*.

UGA

[github.com/cbarrick/plum](https://github.com/cbarrick/plum)

2014

- Communicates with a human operator in natural language (English).
- Models knowledge as a constraint satisfaction problem, uses path-finding and probability estimates to make decisions.
- Super-human performance, implemented in Prolog with CLP(FD).

## Publications

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### PUBLICATIONS

2017    **Solar Radiation Prediction Improvement Using Weather Forecasts**, Sanders, Barrick, Maier, Rasheed

IEEE ICMLA

### PRESENTATIONS

2017    **DELUG**, *Vanishing Gradients*. (<https://goo.gl/B7x3YF>)

Athens, GA

2016    **RGNS**, *Artificial Intelligence*. Presented to a high-school science club. (<https://goo.gl/9KX3kU>)

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