# NIKOLAOS PAGONAS

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#### **EDUCATION**

# **National Technical University of Athens**

Oct 2018 - Present

Master of Electrical and Computer Engineering

- · **GPA:** 9.40/10.00
- · **Related courses:** Distributed Systems, Parallel Processing, Operating Systems, Computer Networks, Programming Languages, Computer Architecture
- · **Thesis:** Scaling Out Shell Scripts Using Serverless (tentative title)

Advisors: Prof. Georgios Goumas (NTUA), Prof. Nikos Vasilakis (Brown University)

### RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

### **Brown University**

May 2023 - Present

Visiting Research Intern

- · Advisor: Prof. Nikos Vasilakis
- · Objective: Improving the performance of shell scripts by running them on serverless infrastructure

Arrikto Inc.

Dec 2022 - Mar 2023

Software Engineering Intern

· **Objective:** Exploring how the company can serve PyTorch models more efficiently by utilizing KServe, a highly scalable machine learning deployment platform for Kubernetes

# National Technical University of Athens

Oct 2022 - Sep 2023

Technical Support

- · Supervisors: Prof. P. Tsanakas, Prof. E. D. Sykas
- · **Objective**: Providing technical support for the university's OpenStack cloud infrastructure, as well as its coursework platform, both used extensively by all nine departments

Seed Robotics Oct 2022 - Jun 2023

Volunteer Robotics Instructor

- $\cdot$  Guided school students through construction and programming of a plethora of robotics projects
- · Served as coordinator and leader of the school robotics team in the annual municipal festival on science, arts, and sports

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

# **National Technical University of Athens**

Mar 2022 - Jun 2022

Lab Assistant

· Course: Operating Systems

· Professors: N. Koziris, G. Goumas

# **National Technical University of Athens**

Mar 2020 - Jun 2020

Lab Assistant

- · Course: Programming Techniques
- · Professors: N. Papaspyrou, A. Pagourtzis, G. Stamou, G. Goumas

### **National Technical University of Athens**

Oct 2019 - Jan 2020

Lab Assistant

- · Course: Introduction to Programming
- · Professors: S. Zachos, N. Papaspyrou, D. Fotakis

#### **SERVICE**

# 17th European Workshop on Systems Security - EuroSec 2024

Apr 2024

Web & Publication Chair

#### **COMPETITIONS**

# 14th National Electrical and Computer Engineering Conference

2023

· Won 1st place in the conference-wide programming competition

**IEEEXtreme** 2019-2022

- Annual international programming competition held by IEEE
- · Proctor: Prof. N. Koziris
- · Ranked 14th in Greece, 91st in Europe

#### **SEMINARS**

# Mega-ACE Blockchain Seminar

2023

- · Lectures and workshops on blockchain, cryptography and smart contracts
- · Co-organized by Purdue University (Prof. V. Zikas) and the National Technical University of Athens (Prof. A. Pagourtzis)

### **PROJECTS**

# myCharts - Charts as a Service

Spring 2023

· Web application that allows creating a variety of charts out of CSV data. Built with Docker and Apache Kafka in order to provide seamless deployment and high scalability.

Mockchain Fall 2022

· Blockchain-based cryptocurrency system implemented in Go and deployed on the cloud.

KBeans Fall 2022

· Implementation of the k-means algorithm in OpenMP, CUDA, and MPI. Accompanied by thorough benchmarking in order to compare the three programming models.

encryptIOn Fall 2021

· Terminal-based encrypted chat built with TCP/IP sockets for communication, cryptodev-linux for encryption, and virtIO for virtualization support.

# **SKILLS**

**Programming Languages** C, Python, Javascript, Shell, Java, Go

Platforms AWS, Docker, Kubernetes, Apache Kafka, Apache Spark

**Tools** Git, LaTeX

#### **LANGUAGES**

**English** Fluent - TOEFL iBT 116/120 (C2)

**Greek** Native

# LAST UPDATED

December 7, 2023