# Oliver Sheldon

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#### **EXPERIENCE**

# Software Engineer || olisheldon.github.io/

#### **AWE**

#### Computational Physicist

February 2023 - Current

Designing and developing modern, high-performance C++ and Python codes for applications in many-particle Physics.

#### • C++

- Developed low-level, next-generation, parallelized codes targeting HPC systems with CPU and GPU architectures.
- Consolidated high-level post-processing utilities under one coherent, modular library employing modern C++ style.
- Led research to modernise areas of code targeting finite element analysis, pseudo-RNG, and convergence analysis.
- Utilized knowledge in data structures and algorithms to research and propose computational improvements to team.
- Applied research to guide efficiency improvements in libraries, improving the runtime of some codes by  $\sim 100\%$ .

#### • Python

- Delivered highly performant Python codes focused on maintainability, simplicity, and testability.
- Oversaw expansion of codebase testing, adopting refactoring to improve testability, increasing coverage by  $\sim 10\%$ .
- Utilized skills in UX/UI design to develop intuitive and user-friendly GUI (using Tkinter) and CL interfaces.
- Developed APIs with modern design elements to provide effective, flexible, and dependable code interfaces.
- Collated and presented user feedback to product owners to gain insight for future deliverables and design discussion.

### DevOps

- Spearheaded test-driven development and design-by-contract programming within Agile paradigm.
- Accelerated code robustness with detailed analysis of unit and end-to-end tests, achieved by extensively analysing
  issues; Findings were presented to product owners, guiding design discussions with focus on modern best practices.
- Modernised deployment methods and automated code verification and validation using continuous integration pipelines.
- Supported design discussions with R&D tasks to guide large features into smaller, more manageable issues.

#### Collaboration

- Effective collaborator in international code partnership, representing and steering feature prioritization towards our requirements and deliverables. Achieved through remote working and in-person coding trips to the United States.
- Presented workflow innovations, facilitated through my contributions to code interfaces, to code user base.

#### **EDUCATION**

# **University of Warwick**

Computer Science MSc

September 2021 - September 2022

Grade: Merit

- **High Performance Computing:** Leveraged understanding of advanced computing resources to optimize computational workflows with a focus on C++ programming and GPU utilization. Achieved exceptional performance outcomes.
- **Agent Based Systems (Artificial Intelligence):** Designed, developed, and evaluated agents through topics such as game theory, opponent modelling, and knowledge representation, in competitive and cooperative agent interaction.
- **Algorithm Design:** Completed tasks utilizing concepts of algorithm design, complexity, and mathematical and statistical methods. Adapted these algorithms to create powerful models to analyse and predict cryptocurrency markets.
- Data Mining: Deployed machine learning models for regression and classification problems, utilizing deep learning tools such as convolutional neural networks using TensorFlow/PyTorch. Determined optimal pipeline for classification and produced convolutional neural network for cell images regression task, achieving 93% in this open-ended work.
- Advanced Computer Security: Utilized theory to solve classical and modern crytography (PKI), system security, hardware security, network security, and blockchain problems in a Linux virtual machine using the C language.
- Image and Video Analysis: Produced solutions for computer vision tasks such as image recognition, motion estimation, denoising, feature recognition and tracking using tools such as neural networks, OpenCV, SIFT, and KD-Trees.
- Dissertation Project: Applications of Machine Learning for imaging data compression.

#### **University of Lancaster**

Theoretical Physics BSc Hons

September 2018 - July 2021

## **SKILLS**

- C++PythonBash
- SDLC

• Unit Testing

**Grade:** First-Class Honours, achieving first-class marks in all exams.

API Design

**PROJECTS** 

- OOPHDF5
- SQLCMake

- Java
- Agile
- TDD
- GitGitLab
- Linux
- CI

# CERTIFICATIONS

- Advanced Python: Best Practices and Design Patterns
- DevOps Foundations Training (ICP-FDO Certification)
- Introduction to Advanced Software Testing Methods
- Advent of Code 2023: Python solutions presented with descriptions of the thought-process behind them.
- Data Structures & Algorithms: Notes & Applications.