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SKILLS













LANGUAGES

English Native Speaker

Spanish

Intermediate proficiency

INTERESTS

Living in Edinburgh brings with it the benefit of allowing me to explore the wonderful nature that surrounds the city, so I do exactly whenever I can. On the rainier days - of which there are many - you can find me chatting away at language exchanges, in the kitchen testing out new recipes, or cozied up with a good sci-fi novel.

Peter Hessey

Machine Learning Research Scientist

Published ML researcher and accomplished cloud software engineer. From reducing cancer patient treatment delays to strengthening national security, I excel at translating cutting-edge academic research into practical, meaningful solutions. Forever eager to grow personally and technically within diverse, motivated teams.

EXPERIENCE

Machine Learning Research Scientist Mind Foundry

04/2023 - Present

Oxford University AI research spinout developing responsible AI for high-stakes applications.

- Technical lead for research teams using Python, PyTorch and AWS to deploy ML solutions into UK National Security infrastructure, reducing operator workload and response times in high-stakes scenarios.
- Primary liaison for multiple key Defence & National Security stakeholders, leveraging strong leadership and communication skills to facilitate smooth collaboration within complex, high-security environments.
- Principal researcher driving Large Language Model projects for entity extraction and fraud detection.

Machine Learning Engineer Microsoft Research - Health Futures

04/2022 - 04/2023

Achievements/Tasks

- utilised Python, C# and AzureML to develop an open-source suite of tools for training and deploying CT and MRI segmentation computer vision models into the cloud.
- Deployed models into three NHS hospitals, reducing cancer patient scan result wait times by up to 90%.
- □ Spearheaded collaboration with NVIDIA engineers to deploy 3D CNN segmentation toolkits to AzureML.

Cloud Engineer

Garrison Technology Limited

10/2021 - 04/2022 Cyber security startup producing hardware-enforced secure remote browsing solutions for enterprise.

Achievements/Tasks

- Applied Python, AWS CDK and Linux knowledge to implement monitoring tools for secure alerting on system-critical failures using services such as Lambda, CloudFormation, ECS, VPC, DynamoDB and IAM.
- Employed tools such as GitLab, Docker and Kubernetes to upgrade and maintain CI/CD pipelines.
- Liased with key stakeholders to roadmap international logging systems for our cloud security products.

Internships - Software Engineering & Cyber Security Amazon, IBM, GCHQ

2018 - 2020

Achievements/Tasks

- Amazon Software Engineer with feature ownership of AWS-deployed Smart TV hardware test suites.
- □ IBM Cyber security intern, developed NLP sentiment analysis tools to automate social media monitoring.
- GCHQ Awarded GCHQ CyberFirst Scholarship. Cultivated Linux and Cyber Security fundamentals.

EDUCATION

Deep Learning - MScR **Durham University**

09/2020 - 06/2022

Durham, UK

Durham, UK

Oxford, UK (Remote)

Cambridge, UK

London, UK

UK

First author on an ECCV-published paper using transformer and diffusion models for efficient high-resolution image generation.

 Developed extensive knowledge of Python, PyTorch and transformers while significantly advancing Generative Vision AI research.

Computer Science - BSc First Class (Hons) **Durham University**

09/2017 - 06/2020

Algorithms & Data Structures, Deep Learning, Statistics, Cyber Security, Information Theory, Software Engineering, Advanced Databases.

President of the Durham University Weightlifting Club & Head of Logistics for Durham's 2020 Hackathon.