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Education

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

M.Sc. Computer Science

Worcester, MA

May 2021

Coursework: Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Computer Vision, Artificial Intelligence,
 Cryptography, Computer Architecture, Algorithm Design & Analysis, Theory of Computing, and
 Computer Networks

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

B.Sc. Computer Science Cum Laude

Worcester, MA

May 2020

- Coursework: Software Engineering, Operating Systems, Systems Programming, Object-Oriented Design, Databases, Machine Organization & Assembly, etc.

Projects

Learning Deep Social Interactions to Identify Positive Climate

Worcester, MA

May 2020 - Present

- Applied Deep Learning to affective computing for automated classroom observation evaluation
 - Designed graph convolution architecture to apply on social network representations of the scene for capturing CLASS details associated with positive climate
 - Constructed pipeline for assembling network representation of social scenes to achieve performance difference demonstrated in simulation
 - Fine-tuned state of the art computer vision embedding networks for participant tracking on limited classroom data in a privacy conscious manner

Enhanced Residual Networks for Context-based Image Outpainting

Worcester, MA

Team Project

M.Sc. Thesis

January 2020 - May 2020

- Modified generative networks with residual pathways and conjoined local and global discriminators to improve on localized feature consistency in image outpainting task on Places365-Standard
- Published findings and code demonstrating qualitative improvements in internal consistency and more efficiently meeting state of the art performance

Automated Corrosion Assessment and Data Collection

Cape Canaveral, FL

U.S. Army Research Lab Collaboration

January 2020 - May 2020

- Developed iOS application for efficient on-site data collection, editing, and viewing
- Deployed RESTful API with support for multi-dimensional data submissions, user account registration and authentication, visualization tools, and download endpoints via web interface
- Prototyped CNN and SVM classification models for remote corrosion rating per ASTM D1654

Augmented Reality for Improving Human-Swarm Interaction

Worcester, MA

B.Sc. Capstone Project

August 2019 - March 2020

- Developed ARGoS-based swarm control system on the Magic Leap headset with mixed-modality control options, combining gesture and voice recognition
- Combined control system with visualization layer to enable easy swarm-wide debugging
- Published findings, including an outlined user study plan for evaluating methods against existing tablet-based system

Forgery Recognition Through Handwriting Style Emulation

Worcester, MA

Team Project

August 2019 - December 2019

- Analysed state-of-the-art machine learning algorithms for handwriting style extraction and synthesis
- Designed reinforced GAN for synthesis and Siamese network for forgery generation and evaluation

Chess Piece Image Classification

Team Project

Worcester, MA
August 2019 - December 2019

- Used data generation techniques to build robust dataset coverage of objects

- Implemented CNN using Keras and evaluated multiple computer vision preprocessing techniques
- Achieved 94% classification accuracy while maintaining invariance to rotation, scale, translation, etc.

Brigham & Women's Hospital Kiosk

Worcester, MA

Assistant Lead Software Engineer

January 2018 - May 2018

- Designed, developed, and tested pathfinding kiosk software as part of an Agile team
- Conducted market research through interviews and surveys for usage patterns and requirements
- Created process maps and diagrams based on business architecture solutions using case diagrams, activity diagrams, and UML flowcharts
- Authored well-engineered solutions using test-driven methodologies

Work Experience

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Worcester, MA

Teachers Assistant

August 2020 - October 2020

- Held office hours and graded assignments for Mobile & Ubiquitous Computing

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Worcester, MA

Graduate Research Assistant

May 2020 - August 2020

 Collaborated with Professor Jacob Whitehill for proofing tracking-based CLASS prediction models in simulation

Proofpoint

San Francisco, CA

Software Engineering Intern

June 2019 - August 2019

- Developed internal CLI tool for deployment of a Docker-based testing environment to improve and abstract all individual testing cases
- Automated product backend upgrade testing jobs in Jenkins

Cloudflare

San Francisco, CA

Operations Intern

June 2018 - August 2018

- Designed system for identifying, scoring, and generating optimal sales leads using internal contact data supplemented with additional information scraped from networking platforms
- Developed scripts used to periodically evaluate client's site status information with 100x efficiency

Skills

Languages: Python, Java, Go, C, C++, C#, Bash, MATLAB, R, SQL, Lisp, LATEX

Software: Linux, Git, Docker, Kubernetes, gdb, VirtualBox, Unity, Jenkins, Gradle, TravisCI, Valgrind, Wireshark, Jira, Trello

Frameworks: NumPy, PyTorch, Tensorflow, Keras, SciKit, SciPy, OpenCV, and Pandas

Certifications: Human Subjects in Social & Behavioral Research by CITI

Topics: Deep Learning, Computer Vision, Graph Convolutional Networks, Embeddings, Timeseries Processing, Reinforcement Learning, Distributed Robotics Systems, and Human-Swarm Interaction

Awards: Dean's List: Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2020