

Ross Gardiner : *Curriculum Vitae*

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Programming Languages

Python, C++, C, Haskell, Java, C#, \LaTeX , MATLAB, HTML/CSS

Recent Technologies

Linux, OpenCV, Tensorflow/Keras, NVIDIA CUDA, MS .NET, Qt, Doxygen, Sphinx, PiCamera, Google Test, Docker, Jenkins

Miscellaneous Skills

UK Driver's Licence, Video and Photo Editing, Electronics Design/Manufacture, Vehicle Repair, Woodwork, Rock Climbing

Awards/Recognition

Year in Industry Contribution to the Business Awards: Scottish Winner (2016),

Year in industry IETF Future Industry Leaders Awards: Innovation Prize (2016);

Leonardo Employee Recognition Award (2019)

About

Enthusiastic **MEng Electronics and Software Engineering graduate** with some relevant experience. I have a keen interest in applications of machine learning for climate justice, medicine and/or ecological good. Currently seeking roles working with cutting edge technologies wherein a strong foundation in research work and software engineering may be applied.

Employment History

DynAikon Ltd. — June 2021–Present

Entirely Online

Software Developer & Research Assistant

Presently, I am working as the project lead on our software package, [DynAikonTrap](#). This is a fully open source camera trap with some AI capability and integration with our [web API](#) for observation logging. Our design is currently novel, using video encoding artefacts and convolutional neural networks to detect animal presence in a live video feed. The design is discussed in our paper: [Ecological Informatics, 2022, DOI:10.1016/j.ecoinf.2022.101657](#).

As project lead I am involved in every aspect of software development, communication, product support and liaison with our funding consortium. I also produced my final-year MEng [research project](#) from work completed on DynAikonTrap: successfully halving the system power consumption, accelerating our CNN detectors via weight quantisation and adding capability to distinguish humans from animals in video feed.

Technologies currently in use:

- **Python** programming language is used throughout while **Cython** is used for some real-time video processing aspects. **C/C++** is used for our video decoding library.
- **Sphinx** handles our automated documentation generation. A **GitLab CI-runner** compiles and publishes docs to our website via a **Docker** container.
- Deep learning and computer vision capabilities are provided through the **OpenCV** library and **TFLite** runtime. Model training has been undertaken using the **Tensorflow** object detection API.
- As a hardware platform, we use the **Raspberry Pi** system and we package our software for compatibility with **Ubuntu/Linux** systems.

Imagination Technologies — June–Sept. 2020

Kings Langley, Watford

Vision & AI Research Intern

I joined the Compiler Team as a Research Intern. My given task was to review image analysis metrics for quantifying neural network inference quality. In particular, I looked at images created by generative adversarial networks (GANs) and created an evaluatory **Python** integration test running on a **Jenkins** server. I put these metrics to use as part of an existing fault checking pipeline for compiler releases. I learned to work in an **Agile** team, participating in regular stand-ups and produced detailed reports on chosen metrics from the available literature.

Leonardo UK Ltd. — Aug. 2018–June 2019

Crewe Road, Edinburgh

Undergrad Placement Engineer (Systems Dept.)

During a gap year from university, I worked a year-long placement at Leonardo to further develop radar simulation products. Given full responsibility and ownership of accelerating software released to external customers quarterly; my work involved reading academic papers on computer graphics and algorithm implementation for real-time GPU processing. To implement solutions, the NVIDIA CUDA API was chosen and challenges overcome in quickly learning this new technology. I ultimately left the team with a well-received report containing general techniques for hardware acceleration along with several examples where these were applied to existing products.

Leonardo UK Ltd. — June–Sept. 2017

Crewe Road, Edinburgh

Summer Placement Engineer (Systems Dept.)

I returned to Leonardo as a summer student, continuing development of my radar imaging simulation. Working as part of a wider team focused on exploiting hardware acceleration to speed up compute-intensive simulation, I was introduced to various methods which accelerate code execution in both **C#/ .NET** framework and using NVIDIA's **CUDA** C API. Responsibilities included attending weekly progress meetings, keeping an appropriate lab book and delivering presentations on completed work. Ultimately, my code-base saw a 10 times speedup. Simulations which would have been run overnight can now complete in a lunch break.

From high-school, I was selected for a single space on Leonardo's Systems Engineering Year in Industry programme. I was responsible for R&D of software to simulate a specialised synthetic aperture radar ground imaging mode. My solution works by performing a "virtual" flight trial on digital terrain gathered from freely available map data. Coming into a research-based project straight from school required a great deal of adjustment: I enrolled in a five-day company radar course; learned to write robust and reliable **C#/.NET** software adhering to company standards and built tenacity in addition to recognition of my own limits and when to seek guidance. Upon finishing the year, I was selected for several Year in Industry awards and was subsequently invited back to Leonardo the following summer.

Education

MEng, Electronic and Software Engineering – Sept. 2016–June 2022

University of Glasgow

I graduated from the James-Watt School of Engineering **with Honours of the First Class**. My degree includes a practical mix of electronic design with computing science theory and application. I have enjoyed working on team projects throughout my studies. For two such projects in my final year, I took on the role of lead programmer. This involved managing our team's overall direction and ownership of event-driven software in **C/C++**. As part of GUSTS - Glasgow University Sustainable Technology Society I served as Projects Manager in the 2020-2021 committee group and helped organise events promoting sustainable engineering projects on campus. I've also been a keen member of the University Surf Club, which has been a lot of fun. Finally, I enjoyed serving as a lab demonstrator for a **Python** web app development course, where I learned teaching methods and solidified my own knowledge.

Selected achieved grades tabulated below; achieved an **overall GPA of 18.6/22.0**:

Course	Grade	Year	Course	Grade	Year
<u>Individual Project (Final Year)</u>	A2	5 th	<u>Digital Signal Processing</u>	A3	4 th
<u>Real-time Embedded Programming</u>	A2	5 th	<u>Renewable & Sustainable Energy</u>	A4	4 th
<u>Design Special Topic</u>	A4	5 th	<u>Digital Circuit Design</u>	A1	3 rd
<u>Functional Programming</u>	A2	4 th	<u>Electronic System Design</u>	A2	3 rd

Open University Modules – 2014–2016

Open University (Online)

Throughout my final year of high-school and my Year in Industry placement, I studied remotely for M250 - Object-oriented Java programming and M269 - Algorithms, data structures and computability, achieving a Pass grade for both. These modules have served as my first qualification in the computing/software engineering world and helped fuel my early interest in the subject.

Peebles High School – 2010–2015

Springwood Rd, Peebles

Open-Sourced Software Projects

I am passionate about open sourced software. Many of my own contributions to software in the public domain are available on my personal GitHub site and through DynAikon's public git repository. Below are some example projects I am proud of.

DynAikonTrap - AI Camera Trap for Biodiversity Monitoring – June 2021–Present

Python/C

Codebase: gitlab.dynaikon.com/dynaikontrap Our published paper: doi.org/10.1016/j.ecoinf.2022.101657

Documentation: dynaikon.com/trap-docs/

My final-year dissertation: gitlab.dynaikon.com/rossg/2190583_Gardiner_ENG5041P_Final_Year_Report/

Signapse - AI Sign Language Teacher – Jan.–May 2022

C++/C

A simple event-driven video processing app using a convolutional image classifier to teach hand signs via a user interface.

Codebase: github.com/albanjoseph/Signapse Wiki: github.com/albanjoseph/Signapse/wiki

Documentation: albanjoseph.github.io/Signapse

AudiClean - Event-driven Audio Filtering Library – Jan.–May 2022

C++/C

Extension of the SoX audio library, provides implementation of novel audio filtering mechanisms and a command-line interface.

Codebase: github.com/rossGardiner/AudiClean Documentation: rossgardiner.github.io/AudiClean

NextSteps - Sports-ground Test Equipment Driver – Sept. 2019–May 2020

Java

Codebase: github.com/rossGardiner/next-steps

Personal Interests

In my free time I am keen on exploring the great outdoors. My favourite past-times are **camping, climbing and surfing** when I get the chance. During time off, you can find me exploring the west coast with my girlfriend in our camper van and throughout much of this summer I have been enjoying Scotland's diverse range of **rock climbing** venues. I also love training for climbing and bouldering in my local gym and take a keen interest in fitness and nutrition.

How's my work? I'd be thrilled to receive any feedback on my CV you may have: [complete my survey](#).

This CV has been created and edited using \LaTeX , the style sheet used is provided under GPLv3 on [my GitHub](#).