

# Samuele Marro

## Student Research Assistant

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Python, C#, C

### Education

Sep '22 – Jul '24 **MSc Computer Science**, *University of Bologna*.

Oct '19 – Jul '24 **STEM Excellency Degree**, *Superior College of Bologna*, Graduation: Oct '24.

- 7 STEM students are admitted each year and are provided with a personal tutor, exemption from tuition fees, free accommodation and an annual scholarship throughout their Bachelor's and Master's degrees.
- Yearly requirements: 28/30 GPA, no grade lower than 24/30, must take 5 additional excellency courses.
- Current GPA: **30/30**.

Oct '19 – Jul '22 **BSc Computer Science**, *University of Bologna*.

- GPA: **29.77/30**, top of the class (150 students). Graduation grade: 110 *cum laude*.

### Experience

Dec '19 – Today **Student Research Assistant**, *University of Bologna*, Bologna, Italy.

- Developed, in collaboration with Drs. Michele Lombardi and Rebecca Montanari, an **adversarial defense** (implemented in **Python** + **PyTorch**) which is robust against white-box attacks.
- Wrote a **Julia** interface to formally verify the effectiveness of the defense using **MIPVerify.jl** + **Gurobi**.
- Implemented heuristics and training techniques to increase verification speeds 50-fold.
- Obtained a 170k core-hour grant for the CINECA **supercomputer cluster**.

Sep '22 – Today **Teaching Assistant**, *University of Bologna*, Bologna, Italy.

- Taught the applied ML module of "Introduction to Machine Learning".

Jan '22 – Today **Solidity Developer and Consultant**, *Freelance*.

- Performed Smart Contract audits, Web3 integrations and secure Smart Contract development.
- Specialized in EVM and EVM-like (e.g. Vite) security standards.

Nov '21 – Mar '22 **Intern**, *MindIt Srl + Kantar*, Bologna, Italy.

- Developed a **Tensorflow** LSTM implementation compatible with **IBM CPLEX** optimization algorithms.
- Introduced tools to mitigate numerical issues with non-linear components of LSTMs.
- Rewrote Facebook's FBProphet time series model in **Tensorflow**.

Mar '22 **Bitcoin Round 13 Hackathon**, 6k USD bounty.

- Wrote four smart contracts in **Solidity** for the Vite blockchain.
- Wrote unit tests for such contracts using **Vuln** and **Javascript**.

Mar '21 – May '21 **GreenNFT Hackathon**, 3k USD bounty.

- Created a model to estimate the environmental impact of individual transactions on Ethereum.
- Identified techniques to reduce a user's individual impact by 70% with the help of **Python** scripts.
- Developed Green NFT Helper, a **JavaScript** + **Svelte.js** website to help users to reduce their emissions.

Mar '21 **Bitcoin Round 9 Hackathon**, 1k USD bounty.

- Developed a Chrome extension in **JavaScript** to search on IPFS directly from the omnibox.

Nov '18 – Jul '19 **Ancalau Award**, 3k EUR award.

- Trained in **Python** a **Tensorflow CNN** to identify illegal dumping locations from aerial data.
- Deployed the model as part of an Android app (written in **Java**) to capture aerial data and relay landfill locations in real time to a quadcopter.

Feb '19 – Jun '19 **Tutor**, *Liceo Scientifico L. Cocito*, Alba, Italy.

- Provided one-on-one and one-on-two tutorship for students struggling with Mathematics and Physics.

Jun '17 – Jul '17 **Intern**, *Sistemi Tre*, Alba, Italy.

- Automated database queries through the in-house software interface using **AHK**, leading to a 3-4x increase in data retrieval speed.
- Assisted IT staff during on-site technical support.

### Publications

Jul '22 **Samuele Marro**, Luca Donno. *EIP-5375*. Ethereum Foundation.

Apr '22 **Samuele Marro**, Michele Lombardi. *Asymmetries in Adversarial Settings*.

May '21 **Samuele Marro**, Luca Donno. *Green NFTs: A Study on the Environmental Impact of Cryptoart Technologies*.