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Interests

Machine Learning, MLOps, FPGAs, HFT, HPC, RF Communications

Professional Summary

Experienced mid-career software engineer with a FPGA-focused research background looking for a fresh challenge. Especially interested in applied AI and ML infrastructure projects (e.g. MLOps), with/without hardware acceleration (e.g. FPGAs/ASICs) as an auxiliary goal. Referees on request.

# Work Experience

## Machine Learning Engineer (Contract), SAP Singapore

Jun 2021 to Present

- Building enterprise search solutions for internal stakeholders using Elasticsearch/Opensearch stacks.
- Implementing DNN-based semantic-similarity algorithms for information retrieval and ranking of results.
- MLOps tooling: setting up labeling, data cleaning, and evaluation pipelines for efficient ML iterations.
- Tools/frameworks used (non-exhaustive): [Elastic|Open|search, Docker, Poetry, Kubernetes, Kibana, Grafana, etc.

### CTO/Founder, Inpact Technologies Pte Ltd (inPact.ai), Singapore

- Led product development across all aspects of machine learning, frontend, backend, and deployment.
- Hired and managed contractors and an intern to meet product development targets regularly.
- Hands-on experience with technologies/frameworks such as ReactJS/Redux/SASS, serverless, spaCy, and more.
- Handled business functions such as customer acquisition, investor relations, fundraising, marketing, and more.
- Raised S\$75K from Entrepreneur First, an international VC firm funded by some of the top investors in the world.

# Posdoctoral Research Associate, University of Sydney, Australia

Oct 2017 to Dec 2019

- Research & development on a "High-Speed Machine Learning for RF Communications" project commissioned by the Australian Defense Agency, leading to a peer-reviewed publication at MILCOM 2018.
- Contribution to other FPGA-based research projects in the lab on topics such as on-chip training, logic cell architecture design, and automatic modulation classification. Total 5 research papers/posters published at peer-reviewed conferences.
- Supervision & guidance to undergraduate students on their final-year research projects.
- Sysadmin duties on available compute resources in the lab.

## **Education & Certifications**

#### Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore

Jan 2013 to Feb 2019

PhD, Computer Science & Engineering, Advisor: Nachiket Kapre

Dissertation: Dataflow Optimized Overlays for FPGAs

Teaching Assitant: Programmable System on Chip (CE4054), Embedded Software Development (CE4052)

#### Imperial College London, United Kingdom

Oct 2009 to Jun 2012

BEng, Electrical & Electronics Engineering, 2nd Upper Class Honors

#### Machine Learning Engineering for Production (MLOps) Specialization, DeepLearning.AI

Ongoing

4-module specialization offered through the Coursera MOOC platform. Focuses on best in-industry practices for deploying data-centric machine learning systems. Instructors include Andrew Ng (founder DeepLearning. AI and Coursera), Robert Crowe (Tensorflow Developer Engineer, Google), Laurence Moroney (Lead AI Advocate, Google), and more.

#### Data Science Specialization, John Hopkins University

Mar 2015 to Apr 2016

10-module specialization that covers concepts and tools essential for building effective data science pipelines. Capstone project on building a text-prediction R web-app, similar to the predictive text technology found in mobile phones today.