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EDUCATION

University of York   2023
BEng. Computer Science

- Weighted average: 77%

Lady Manners School   2020
A-Level

- Further Maths (A), Maths (A), Computer Science (A), Physics (A).

EXPERIENCE

Cisco Meraki   June - August 2022
Software Engineer Intern - Camera Intelligence   *London, UK*

- Worked with the camera team on the attribute search project, designed and implemented an NLP based image search model which would allow users to use a text box to search for any object in a video feed.
- Uses OpenAI's CLIP model derivative MoTIS to encode images and Spotify's Annoy library to index the images. I used the current motion detector model to feed images into the CLIP model.
- Implemented pipeline in C++, used Pytorch and NCNN model frameworks.
- Using my approach, 10 minute video could be queried in 0.2 seconds – faster than most non-NLP based models.
- [Reference](#)

PROJECTS

Automated Horse Betting Program   December 2020 - July 2021
https://github.com/tom-pollak/each-way-matcher

- Discovers undervalued horses by the bookmaker in each-way betting.
  - Exploits the idea that the bookmaker calculates the odds of a horse placing using only the win odds of the horse, without using data from the other horses in the race.
- Uses an adapted Kelly Criterion strategy with Expected Growth to calculate the optimal stake.
- Uses Python, Pandas and Selenium to scrape the horse races, interacts with Betfair API to place bets.
- Runs headless on a Raspberry Pi as a scheduled cron job every day.

Poker Web Application   April 2019 - July 2020
https://github.com/tom-pollak/web-poker

- Free live poker web app using Python and Django and a Postgres database.
- Users can create accounts and tables, play poker, and chat with other players.
- Implements websockets using Django Channels and Redis for real-time communication with the users.
- Deployed with Docker and Heroku.

SANS Institute   August 2020
FOR500 Windows Forensic Analysis
https://www.sans.org/cyber-security-courses/windows-forensic-analysis

- Sponsored through my success in the Cyber Discovery programme.

Cyber Discovery   September 2018 - July 2019

- Independently completed the Cyber Discovery programme, run by HM government.
- Selected as one of the top 500 (of 28,000) students to attend the Cyber Discovery Elite event in London.

SKILLS

Languages	Python, C++, Rust, Haskell, Java, SQL, HTML.
Tools	Linux, Vim, Git, VSCode, JetBrains Suite, RegEx, SQLite, LaTeX.
Technologies	Pytorch, Django, Numpy, Pandas, Selenium, LibGDX, GitHub, Docker.