

AI Research Engineer | Multimodal GenAI & MLOps

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Summary

AI Research Engineer who builds end-to-end MLOps systems, from data ingestion and ETL to model training, evaluation, and deployment across computer vision, multimodal, and generative AI. Hands-on experience with PySpark, Docker, CI/CD, Neo4j, and Kubernetes, delivering reproducible pipelines in both research and production environments. Published and award-winning research on bias and interpretability in Vision Transformers and Stable Diffusion (Best Paper AIMMES 2025, [ACM FAccT 2025](#)), with startup experience shipping ML-backed applications.

Technical Skills

Languages: Python, SQL, C, JavaScript, C#
Tools & Frameworks: PyTorch, Hugging Face, Scikit-learn, OpenCV, Pillow, Django REST, PostgreSQL, FastAPI, Docker, Git, CI/CD, AWS S3, GraphDB, Neo4j, PySpark, Kubernetes
Soft Skills: Cross-functional collaboration, data reporting, teaching & mentoring, reproducibility & documentation, problem-solving

Experience

- Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU Amsterdam)** - Research Assistant (Sep 2023 – Aug 2025)
- Built reproducible experimental pipelines, such as ETL pipelines, following academic MLOps best practices
 - Conducted bias analysis in the interdisciplinary research from both computer vision and linguistics among commercialized models using ETLED datasets (IMDB, CelebA)
 - Investigated biases in latent spaces across 10 different architectures (BEiT, DeiT, MAE, SWIN, etc.) using iEAT, t-SNE, Grad-CAM, DBSCAN, and SAM2 segmentation; quantified bias at embedding and output layers. (Best Paper Award at AIMMES 2025 and published at [ACM FAccT 2025](#))
 - Prepared the experimental environment for bias analysis among Stable Diffuser variants for Bachelor's/Master's thesis
 - Integrated Layerwise Relevance Propagation into experimenting transformers to quantify the neural-level reactions to features for bias analysis
 - Prepared weekly reports for supervisors and communicated with team members from different fields, documenting progress, problems, solutions, and findings
- Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU Amsterdam)** - Teaching Assistant (Sep 2023 – Aug 2025)
- Supported courses in Programming & Algorithms, Knowledge Graphs & Data, Agent Programming, Conversational Agents, and Modeling.
 - Conversational Agents: Guided projects using Whisper, Dialogflow, and MARBEL, enabling teams to design voice-operable ML applications (ASR, NLU, NLG).
 - Knowledge Graphs & Data: Assisted with graph construction, reasoning tasks, and data integration using GraphDB.
 - Programming & Algorithms: maintained pytest-based testing and runtime evaluation for student assignment evaluation
 - Delivered recap lectures, coding demonstrations, and assignment support, strengthening communication and collaboration.
- Startup Collaboration: Magicle (Private, NDA)** - AI Engineer (Oct 2024 – Mar 2025)
- Designed and implemented core components of an AI-driven outfit recommendation system, addressing cold-start scenarios through multimodal feature extraction.

- Built computer vision pipelines using SAM-2 and Swin Transformer models for apparel segmentation and visual attribute extraction.
- Developed scalable data processing workflows with Apache Spark to construct knowledge-graph entities and generate vector embeddings for semantic retrieval.
- Integrated hybrid graph and vector search using Neo4j to enable context-aware recommendation and re-ranking.
- Developed backend services and APIs within a containerized, microservices-based deployment environment with Django REST, PostgreSQL, and AWS S3.
- Implemented a frontend where users can make any collages using their own apparel items and some stamps inspired by Picsart UI using Django, Vanilla JS, and Tailwind.
- Contributed to MLOps workflows, including model versioning, automated retraining, and iterative deployment.

Waldburg-Zeil Kliniken (Germany) - Data Entry (Sep 2021 – Aug 2022)

- Communicated with dietitians about certain restrictions or conditions for patients

UNIQLO (Japan) - Retail Sales Assistant (Sep 2019 – Jan 2021)

- Developed teamwork, communication, and organizational efficiency skills in a fast-moving, high-performance environment.
- Contributed to continuous operational improvement through problem-solving and past data.

PASCO (Tokyo, Japan) - Computer Vision Intern (Jan 2018 – May 2018)

- Analyzed geospatial and satellite imagery for forest classification, coastline detection, and urban zoning.
- Built and trained CNNs from scratch (e.g., CIFAR10), gaining practical experience in model optimization, learning rates, and experimentation.
- Acquired foundational experience in applying deep learning to real-world datasets, strengthening problem-solving skills in data-driven decision-making.

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU Amsterdam)

BSc in Artificial Intelligence

Languages: English (Fluent), Japanese (Native)

Education & Languages

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- Published Paper, [ACM FAccT2025: Comparative bias analysis across ViT architectures](#) (Best Paper Award, AIMMES202)
 - [Stable Diffusion Bias Evaluation](#) - designed experiments to assess generative AI fairness across demographic attributes
 - [LLM Graph Generation](#) - built a pipeline for extracting triples and refining ontologies with Neo4j and Ollama
 - [Neuron-Level Bias Analysis](#) - built an experiment pipeline by integrating Attn-LRP on ViT to dissect implicit biases
 - **Trip Recommendation Platform (Ongoing)**
 - Developed a Dockerized AI recommendation environment integrating Spark, Neo4j, and Ollama for semantic search and itinerary generation.
 - Designed a multi-agent system using MCP (Model Context Protocol) to enable agentic, context-aware decision-making.
 - Deployed and managed distributed services using Minikube (Kubernetes) for scalable orchestration and testing.
 - Implemented vector similarity search and graph reasoning for ranking and personalized travel recommendations.

Projects & Awards