# **VANIA FERRARI**

I' am a creative engineer that loves using technology to provide meaningful experiences.

In particular, I love immersive technologies because I believe they can turn the real world into a dynamic and engaging playground and I would like to contribute to this.

I enjoy staying with people and I like to experiment with different things, trying to learn from every experience.

Eager to contribute and learn:

#AI

#Computer Vision

#UX

#AR

#VR

#Gamification

#InternationalTeam

# **Experiences**



### Exprivia

#### UI/UX Engineer & Functional Analyst

JUL 2024 - TODAY

I work on projects that connect the needs raised in hospitals with innovative solutions. My role involves bridging the gap between the concrete challenges expressed by doctors and translating them into requirements that developers can implement, as well as implementing interfaces with a focus on usability.

#### VR Software Developer

APR 2024 - JUN 2024

I developed a **VR** application for visualizing volumetric reconstructions of medical images as a proof of concept (POC). The application synchronizes with a web-based platform, allowing simultaneous visualization of the same clinical examination. The **two systems exchange user action data** in real-time across both environments.



## Empatica (MIT Media Lab spinoff)

#### • Jr Embedded Algorithm Engineer

SEPT 2022 - MAR 2024

In this role, I integrated and optimized the DSP algorithms developed by the biomedical RnD team in the Empatica library.

My most significant achievements was **optimizing the epilepsy detection algorithm's runtime by 25%**, enabling it to operate in real-time on the bracelet. This improvement made it possible to detect seizure in real time, without which it would not have been possible.

This accomplishment is particularly meaningful to me, as helping people who suffer from epilepsy has always been my personal mission, and I am proud to have made a tangible difference in their lives.

#### Graduate Engineer

SEPT 2021 - AUG 2022

As a graduate engineer, I had the chance to rotate in 4 engineering teams and to contribute to their projects actively.

- I worked with Data Engineers to create and implement a data collection protocol to validate a new algorithm.
- With the Mobile Engineers, I contributed to the process of **localizing** the Android app and **developing UI** for internal monitoring.
- The focus on the user experience and UI aspect increased when I moved to the front-end team, where I developed parts of the **user web portal**.
- The last rotation was in the Embedded Algorithm team, where I helped in optimizing algorithms that acquire data in a biomedical wearable device.

Experiencing different teams helps in getting the **bigger picture** of how multiple domains interact to deliver a complete product. Moreover, working in different fields helped me understand how the same problem can be addressed from multiple perspectives.



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## **Education**

- Master degree in ICT for internet and multimedia engineering, 110/110
   Università di Padova, LM27 APR 2022
- Bachelor degree in
  Information Engineering
  Università di Padova, L8
  NOV 2019

## **Certificates**

- from Talent Garden:
   UX reserach (2024)
- from UNITY learn:
   <u>Unity essentials</u> (2024),
   <u>C# junior programmer</u> (2024)
- from Codemotion (100 hours): Frontend development (2025)
- from <u>OpenCV University</u>:
   OpenCV Bootcamp (2024),
   Python and computer vision (2023)
- from Udemy:
   Create a game with C and SDL (2024)

   SparkAR AR applications (2023)
   Unity for VR (2019)
   (..many others..)

JAN 2019 - DEC 2019

Rachele Rosin, a doctor in Forestal Science, and I collaborated to start this initiative that had the aim to monitor the environment through smart sensors and collect them in a web portal.

We created a team of almost 15 people, started a course about "smart sensors and Arduino" with the help of Padova TalentLab, and created 3 weather monitoring stations.

#### I was in charge of technical and development areas.

We also collaborated with BoomForest, a startup with the same mission.



### Vergani chess club **Chess instructor**

SEPT 2013 - AUG 2018

For 5 years I taught chess both in the elementary school and in a competitive club.

- In the schools, each class followed a different course and it was an exciting challenge to find a way to catch the interest of classes composed of 20 children.
- In the meantime, I held advanced chess courses in a club to prepare the students for local and national competitions. I mixed study and games, and the results were very engaging.

Training and supporting these people in competitions was one of the most human-enriching experiences that I had.



Various teaching activities

SEPT 2013 - AUG 2018

# **Volunteering**



#### **Technovation**

I'm mentoring a team of three students, guiding them in their journey of **product development** from both a technical and entrepreneurial perspective. The mission of this initiative is to demonstrate how challenges within communities can be addressed through technology and to teach how to achieve product success by studying the various stages of a product's lifecycle.

## **Hobbies & interests**

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I love games, be it board games or video games, because of the incredible experiences they offer.

I made some VR games for the Oculus Quest 2, with the aim of relaxing the player or with the idea of teaching capabilities.

Now I'm learning how to make some retro-style games.

I appreciate sharing ideas with people and being part of creative teams. This is why I'm part of the local FabLab and I was part of TedX

These groups have a genuine interest in experimenting with new things and sharing their knowledge actively, and meeting with them is always a boosting experience.

# Languages

Italian: native

English: intermediate (B2)

# **Coding languages**

- Woking experience in: C, Matlab, JavaScript, Python
- Personal projects with: C++, C#, bash, Typescript, Kotlin

## Soft skills

Problem Solving, Team Building, Adaptability, Curiosity, Lateral Thinking, Creativity, Optimization, Willingness to Learn, Visual Thinking

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