

# Yanka Ribeiro

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## SKILLS & INTERESTS

**Skills:** MLOps; Cloud Computing (GCP); Scientific Research & Experimentation; Python; C++; SQL; TensorFlow; PyTorch; OpenCV; Scikit-learn; Hugging Face; SpaCy; Git; Docker; Seaborn.

**Interests:** **Machine Learning Engineering:** Computer Vision, Image Processing, Computer Graphics, and AI/ML Research.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**HVAR Consulting** **São Paulo, Brazil**  
*Machine Learning Engineer* *May 2024 - Present*

- Developed and deployed advanced computer vision algorithms on the Google Cloud Platform (Vertex AI), achieving an F1-Score rate of 89% in image classification tasks across an imbalanced dataset of over 50000 images and videos, optimizing processing time by 40%.
- Developed a pipeline for automated SQL query generation based on user input leveraging Gemini model capabilities, training with extensive tabular data stored in BigQuery, achieving 99% accuracy in translating natural language to SQL queries and reducing query development time.
- Collaborated with cross-functional teams to deliver scalable ML solutions hosted on Cloud Run, improving operational efficiency for energy and safety compliance projects.

**IBM Consulting** **São Paulo, Brazil**  
*Data Scientist* *Apr 2022 - Dec 2022*

- Collaborated directly with clients to understand business requirements, translate them into technical solutions, and deliver actionable insights, ensuring alignment with goals.
- Developed semi-supervised learning models for multi-class classification, using NLP text manipulation to analyze expense patterns, achieving an average precision of 90% in identifying the most common budget categories.
- Leveraged Python libraries like Pandas for data manipulation, Scikit-learn for semi-supervised learning models, and NLTK for NLP tasks.
- Built and deployed the entire pipeline on the client's on-premises infrastructure, utilizing Docker for containerization maintaining data security and compliance.

**EDGE Research Center** **Maceió, Brazil**  
*Machine Learning Engineer* *Jan 2021 - Feb 2022*

- Designed and implemented a rule-based NLP engine using spaCy to automatically extract key specifications from government bid documents (often exceeding 50 pages), enabling the development of a product recommendation system that matched client requirements with the company's product catalog. This solution reduced bid losses by 65%.
- Fine-tuned BERTimbau (PT-BR) using domain-specific vocabulary expansion to enhance complex feature extraction, improving the accuracy of matching technical specifications for CT equipment and adapting to dynamic tender requirements.
- Partnered with backend developers to build robust web solutions, leveraging RESTful APIs and microservices architecture to deploy models and successfully delivering web applications hosted on the client's domain.

## EDUCATION

**Technical University of Dresden** **Dresden, Germany**  
*MS. Computational Modelling and Simulation (track Visual Computing)* *Graduation Date: Oct 2026*

**Federal University of Alagoas** **Maceió, Brazil**  
*BS. Computer Science* *Graduation Date: Mar 2024*  
*Thesis title: Evaluation of deep metric learning methods for the diagnosis of human visceral leishmaniasis.*

## CERTIFICATES

**Google:** Certified as *Professional Machine Learning Engineer* (2025)  
Certified as *Associate Machine Learning Specialist* (2022)

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### Google Explore CSR

**Remote**

*LATAM Research Mentoring Program*

*Feb 2024 - Jul 2024*

- Evaluated Vision Language Models (VLMs) to describe and annotate artifacts and metadata in X-ray datasets, enabling future bias analysis in computer-aided diagnosis.
- Implemented the project using computer vision, NLP, and pre-trained multimodal healthcare models in Python with PyTorch.
- Presented a 10-minute summary of the first 6 months of research progress. Advisor: Phd Enzo Ferrante (CONICET)

### LaCCAN Research Laboratory

**Maceió, Brazil**

*Research Assistancy*

*Aug 2023 - Sep 2024*

- Participated in creating a systematic review on AI algorithms for evaluating auditory brainstem response in time and frequency domains to facilitate early diagnosis of auditory alterations.
- Presented the research as a poster at a speech therapy conference. Prepared the review for publication, currently under submission. Advisor: Phd Raquel Cabral (UFAL)
- Built and evaluated four deep metric learning methods to accurately diagnose human visceral leishmaniasis using blood smear images, achieving over 95% in key performance metrics (recall, precision, and F1-score).
- Refined the work and published it in a national symposium on applied computing in healthcare.
- Utilized computer vision, image processing, and classification techniques, implemented in Python with PyTorch, alongside CNNs, SVM, and PCA for feature analysis. PhD Fabiane Queiroz (UFAL)

### UNIFESP Medicine Faculty

**São Paulo, Brazil**

*Research Project in Computer Vision/Ophthalmology*

*Sep 2021 - Aug 2022*

- Funded by FAPESP, the research aims to enhance ocular toxoplasmosis diagnosis and monitoring, advancing public health in Brazil. Advisor: Phd Rubens Belfort (UNIFESP), Phd Luis Nakayama (MIT)
- Developed a image segmentation algorithm to track ocular toxoplasmosis using the BR-OPHTSET database, comparing neural networks like ResNet, VGG, DenseNet, and EfficientNet with various optimizers.
- Achieved 95% IOU and produced a research article to present at the conclusion of the project.