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WORK EXPERIENCE

Researcher - Machine Learning & Semantic Communications

University of Guelph

Jan 2024 – Dec 2025

Guelph, Ontario

- Developed semantic communication pipelines using Swin Transformer models, achieving a $30\times$ reduction in bandwidth usage and 29% lower latency while preserving atleast 96% task accuracy under variable network conditions
- Extended models with adaptive deterministic mechanisms to handle bandwidth fluctuations and anomalies, ensuring stable real-time performance
- Quantized encoder models to INT8 during edge–cloud simulations to emulate smartphone hardware constraints (6-core CPU, limited RAM), enabling realistic performance benchmarking
- Published a first-author paper in IEEE conference proceedings, detailing the novel integration of semantic communication with edge computing for real-time, near real-time and task-offloading applications

Software Developer

University of Guelph – Robotics Institute

Oct 2022 – Oct 2023

Guelph, Ontario

- Architected and containerized a multi-technology stack combining ROS2, Node.js, and Vue to enable seamless real-time control across distributed robotic systems
- Implemented automated AWS infrastructure provisioning with Terraform and integrated CI/CD pipelines via GitLab and Jenkins, reducing manual deployment steps by 80%
- Created a secure certificate management workflow that streamlined Let's Encrypt renewals and configured a Nginx reverse proxy to enforce HTTPS and granular CORS policies
- Led the design and implementation of an accessible smart door system using ESP32, PIR sensors, and React Native, achieving over 95% reliability in extensive field tests

Information Technology Analyst

Kitchener Downtown Community Health Center — SRHC

Jul 2020 – Dec 2020

Kitchener, Ontario

- Deployed and tuned a centralized Samba file server, increasing file distribution efficiency by 40% across more than 20 staff and multiple departments
- Configured and maintained a FortiGate firewall and VPN solution for 60 users, integrating Prometheus-based monitoring for real-time diagnostics and rapid issue resolution

EDUCATION

University of Guelph | *Masters of Applied Science - Semantic Communication & ML*

Dec 2025

University of Guelph | *Bachelors of Engineering - Computer Engineering*

Apr 2023

SKILLS, TECHNOLOGIES, INTERESTS

Skills: AI; DevOps; Cloud Computing; IaC; Containerization; CI/CD; Monitoring; Data Engineering; ML Ops

Languages: Python; C++; C; JavaScript; Rust; HTML; Java; Bash

Tech Stacks: FastAPI; PyTorch; React; Flask; SQLite, PostgreSQL, MongoDB, Express JS; Node.js; Swagger; Docker; Git; Jenkins; Terraform; AWS; Kubernetes

PROJECTS

Personal Portfolio Website | *React, Rust, Async, Jenkins, Docker*

- Built a portfolio website featuring a React frontend coupled with a resilient Rust backend
- Integrated comprehensive Jenkins CI/CD pipelines and Docker-based deployment, slashing manual release efforts by 70% and ensuring high availability

Home lab Adminstration | *Docker, Terraform, Jenkins, Prometheus, Grafana, SSL/TLS*

- Orchestrated a comprehensive home lab environment managing 15+ Docker containers for media, web, and gaming services, configured auto-renewal SSL/TLS certification with Let's Encrypt, setup Prometheus/Grafana monitoring, and applied Fail2Ban for robust security achieving 99.9% uptime and detailed system analytics

HAM10K Skin Cancer Classifier | *Python, PyTorch, SciPy, Pandas*

- Engineered a comprehensive deep learning pipeline integrating a PCA-enhanced MLP, a custom-designed DCNN, and the RegNetY-320 architecture
- Applied systematic class rebalancing and extensive data augmentation to achieve 96.9% accuracy, an optimal F1-score, and a flawless 1.00 AUC

Heart Disease Predictor | *Python, Flask, RESTful, HTML, CSS, JS*

- Developed a scalable Flask-RESTful API paired with an interactive HTML/JS frontend while leveraging the UCI dataset and implemented real-time feature scaling with hyperparameter tuning to deliver a 95% prediction accuracy, supporting timely clinical decision-making

Real-Time Noise Cancellation with RL | *Python, PyTorch, Gymnasium, SciPy, librosa*

- Created a bespoke OpenAI Gym environment incorporating FFT-based audio processing and trained a PPO agent to perform adaptive noise cancellation in real time, achieving processing speeds exceeding 5,200 FPS for high-fidelity audio performance