CONNOR USATY

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Education

McMaster University

(Expected) Apr. 2027

Bachelor of Computer Engineering, Minor in Statistics

Hamilton, Ontario

- Golden Key Distinction (Top 15%) CGPA: 3.8/4.0
- Relevant Coursework: Algorithm Design & Analysis, Data Structures & Algorithms, Software Development, Principles of Programming, Microprocessor Systems, Advanced Probability & Random Processes, Engineering Economics

Work Experience

MHI RJ Aviation May 2024 - Apr. 2025

Data Engineer Intern

Mississauga, Ontario

- Designed a PDF extraction algorithm in **Python** that utilized text and table extraction libraries, **Polars**, and RegEx patterns to automate the extraction, cleaning, and consolidation of data from 2,723 files into 1 centralized database.
- Led the development of a suite of Batch and Python scripts that utilize Selenium, PyAutoGUI, and Polars to automate a large daily data extraction and processing pipeline resulting in a 73% reduction in runtime.
- Developed multiple web applications in **Python** using **Dash**, **Plotly**, **Polars**, and **Tailwind** to process, calculate, and dynamically visualize KPI from **SQL** databases resulting in accurate monitoring of **\$10M+ monthly revenue**.
- Fine-tuned a time series sales forecasting model using XGBoost in Python resulting in an 18% lower RMSE.

Projects

AI Sudoku Solver (TensorFlow, Keras, OpenCV, Python) | GitHub

- Fine-tuned a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) using concepts such as dropout layers, batch normalization, and early stopping to achieve 99.96% validation accuracy and 0.13% validation loss on a 213,000 image dataset.
- Developed a data generation algorithm to efficiently generate a large customized dataset that resembled sudoku squares.
- Utilized OpenCV and NumPy to preprocess images, locate the sudoku grid, and extract the 81 sudoku squares.

Pathfinding Algorithm Visualizer (React.JS, JavaScript, Tailwind) | Website | GitHub

- Developed an interactive visualization tool for common pathfinding algorithms using the **React.JS** framework.
- Implemented visual examples for A* Search, Dijkstra's, Breadth-First Search, and Depth-First Search algorithms.

3D Spatial Mapping Embedded System (Open3D, Python, C) | GitHub

- Utilized I2C serial communication to send API calls and receive precise measurement data from a ToF LiDAR sensor.
- Developed a **Python** script that utilizes **PySerial** and **Open3D** to receive, process, and visualize measurement data from the microcontroller resulting in an accurate 3D reconstruction of the scanned area.

Extracurricular

McMaster Artificial Intelligence Society

May 2024 - Present

President

McMaster University

- Presented an update of the organizations progress each month to an advisory board of industry experts.
- Led new educational and project initiatives resulting in a record high 1.3k+ member count.

McMaster Artificial Intelligence Society | GitHub

Sep. 2023 - Apr. 2024

Director of Education

McMaster University

- Led the Education Team comprised of 7 undergrad and 2 graduate students.
- Developed NLP, CNN, and neural network demos in **Jupyter Notebook** using **TensorFlow**, **Keras**, and **matplotlib** to further attendees understanding of concepts such as data preprocessing, model validation, and model fine-tuning.

McMaster Competitive Programming Club

Sep. 2024 - Present

Member

McMaster University

• Placed second at the September 2024 Intel sponsored McMaster Competitive Programming contest.

Technical Skills

Languages: Python, C++, C, Java, R, SQL (MySQL, PostgreSQL)

Libraries: PyTest, TensorFlow, Keras, scikit-learn, sklearn, Polars, Pandas, Dash, Plotly, NumPy, Boost, STL

Tools: Git, GitHub, Azure, Jupyter Notebook