

# MARLAN MCINNES-TAYLOR

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## OBJECTIVE

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Masters student in Computer Science with a focus on biologically inspired neural network based machine learning. Seeking full-time research engineering and machine learning engineering roles.

## EDUCATION

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**M.S. Computer Science**, The University of Texas at Austin 2021 - present

- Minor: Neuroscience

**B.S. Computer Science**, Florida State University 2016 - 2021

- Magna Cum Laude
- With Honors
- Minor: Physics

**B.S. Applied & Computational Mathematics**, Florida State University 2016 - 2021

- Minor: Statistics

**B.A. Philosophy**, University of Florida 2006 - 2009

- Minor: Business

## SKILLS

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<b>Languages</b>	C/C++, C#, Python, Swift
<b>ML</b>	Pytorch, Tensorflow, scikit-learn, imbalance-learn
<b>Tools</b>	Docker, Jupyter, LaTeX
<b>Web</b>	Django, Flask, Jekyll, Bootstrap, Bulma

## EXPERIENCE

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**Application Engineer - Computer Vision** Jun 2021 - Sep 2022  
i2x Solutions Tallahassee, FL

- Summer internship transitioned into part time position.
- Overhauled and optimized the object detection model training and inference pipelines of a multiplatform golf putt analysis mobile application.

**Information Technology Contractor** 2012 - 2016  
Northeast Florida Regional Council Jacksonville, FL

- Serviced and maintained desktop and workstation hardware/software.

**Quality Control Analyst** 2009 - 2016  
First Florida Credit Union Jacksonville, FL

- Internal consumer loan auditor responsible for ensuring compliance with company and government policies and regulations.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Graduate Researcher** Aug 2022 - present  
Brain-Behavior-Computation Lab The University of Texas at Austin

- Topic: Simulating biologically inspired lifelong learning in an image classification task utilizing Interleave Learning and Generative Replay.
- Advisors: Dr. Xue-Xin Wei, Dr. Risto Miikkulainen

### **Undergraduate Researcher**

Undergraduate Software Engineering Research Lab

Jan 2020 - Apr 2021  
*Florida State University*

- Topic: Automating Software Traceability Link Recovery and Maintenance using word embeddings within a Shallow Neural Network.
- Advisor: Dr. Chris Mills

### **Honors in the Major Program**

Undergraduate Thesis

Aug 2019 - Jul 2020  
*Florida State University*

- Topic: Skin Cancer Detection and Classification using an Artificial Neural Network
- Advisors: Dr. Sonia Haiduc, Ms. Sharanya Jayaramen

## **TEACHING**

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**CGS 2100 Microcomputer Applications for Business and Economics** Spring 2018, Fall 2020, Spring 2021  
Undergraduate Teaching Assistant *Florida State University*

**COP 3363 Programming I for Majors** Spring 2020  
Undergraduate Teaching Assistant *Florida State University*

**COP 3014 Programming I for Nonmajors** Fall 2018 - Fall 2019  
Undergraduate Teaching Assistant *Florida State University*

## **PROJECTS**

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**Programming Contest Suite** Built a Django powered web application used for registration and management of ICPC style programming contests at Florida State University. Used by hundreds of students and faculty each semester. ([View it here](#))

**gSWIL** Extended the Similarity Weighted Interleaved Learning framework to use synthetic images generated by an open-source DALL-E model. Course project for CS394N: Neural Networks.

**ThriftySIRIUS** Integrated a risk gating mechanism into the SIRIUS human-in-the-loop reinforcement learning framework designed to prompt for expert feedback based upon an intervention budget. Course project for CS391R: Robot Learning.

**Skin Cancer Classifier** Built a Flask powered web application to perform skin cancer image classification using the Inception v3 CNN architecture. Honors in the Major capstone project at Florida State University.

**DungeonPy** A Pygame implementation of a simple 2D RPG. Final course project for CIS4930: Python Programming.

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

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**Phi Beta Kappa** 2021  
Alpha of Florida Chapter

**Undergraduate Leadership Award** 2019  
Florida State University Department of Computer Science

**Phi Kappa Phi** 2019  
Florida State University Chapter

**Upsilon Pi Epsilon** 2018  
Florida State University Chapter

## LEADERSHIP

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- **Association for Computing Machinery - Florida State University Chapter**
  - President Emeritus & Webmaster 2020-2021
  - President 2019-2020
  - Treasurer 2018-2019
  - Social Chair 2017-2018
- **ACM at FSU Programming Contest**
  - Server Developer 2021-2024
  - Organizer 2020-2021
  - Question Writer 2018-2021

## SERVICE

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**M.S. Admissions Committee** Jan 2023 - Feb 2023  
Department of Computer Science *The University of Texas at Austin*

- Student reviewer of applications to the on-campus MSCS program for the Fall 2023 admissions cycle.

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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- **UT Austin CTCN Journal Club** 2022-present  
Member of the UT Austin Center for Theoretical and Computational Neuroscience Journal Club.
- **Server Maintainer** 2021-present  
Designer and active maintainer of [ACM at FSU's](#) Docker Swarm server cluster, comprised of web apps and services deployed across 6 different domains.
- Mentor to multiple undergraduate CS students at Florida State University with a focus on open source development.