

# Giovanni Pagliarini

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## Briefly

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I have cultivated the passion for computer science since the age of 5. I have a training as a computer scientist acquired between universities in Italy, Sweden and Singapore. During my PhD, I am specializing in *Machine Learning*, participating to different projects, and acquiring a more comprehensive approach to design thinking. Recently, to give a broader sense to my profession, I have been approaching the world of green entrepreneurship.

## Education

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### PhD in Computer Science and Mathematics

University of Parma, Italy

- Topics: machine learning, computer vision, time series classification, data science, efficient and parallel computing
- My main research line aims at the formalization of modal symbolic learning, a novel methodology for obtaining *interpretable* intelligent models for computer vision and spatial/temporal pattern recognition
- I'm working on various projects for testing the effectiveness of new machine learning methods: COVID-19 diagnosis from cough/breath sounds; EEG signal interpretation; gas turbine trip prevention; land cover classification from satellite imagery; speech recognition

11/2020 – Present

### Master Degree in Computer Science

University of Gothenburg, Sweden

- ECTS: 120, GRADE: G
- TOPICS: machine learning, computer vision, bioinformatics, discrete optimization, logic, compilers
- THESIS: *Interactionwise – Semantic Awareness for Visual Relationship Detection*
- I enrolled into an student exchange program (6 months), which took me to the *National University of Singapore (NUS)*, where I deepened my knowledge on computer vision

08/2018 – 06/2020

### Bachelor Degree in Computer Science

University of Ferrara, Italy

- ECTS: 180, Grade: 110/110 with honors
- TOPICS: algorithms, computability and complexity theory, parallel computing, computer architecture, operating systems
- THESIS: *Optimization of Lattice Boltzmann simulations for Intel Xeon Phi 'Knights Landing'*

09/2015 – 07/2018

## Experience

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### Freelance Consultant

Ferrara, Italy

- I am doing consulting, mostly on Artificial Intelligence topics
- I program some web scraping utilities and build datasets for research projects

01/2021 – Present

### Machine Learning Developer

Gothenburg, Sweden

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- I tackled a problem of detection of interactions between objects in digital images (*Visual Relationship Detection*)
- I made extensive use of machine learning techniques for computer vision and natural language processing (NLP)

01/2020 – 06/2020

### Teaching Assistant

Ferrara, Italy & Gothenburg, Sweden

- I held exercise sessions, prepared exercise documents, and graded home assignments
- Courses: *Algorithms I, Computability and Complexity, LaTeX Advanced*

01/2020 – Present

### Research Trainee

University of Ferrara, Italy

- I optimized a C code for fluid dynamics simulations, targeting highly-parallel architectures
- I measured performance of different data layouts and memory access patterns

09/2017 – 06/2018

### IT Technician

Ferrara, Italy

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- I built a website and a management/billing system in HTML, PHP, CSS and Javascript

01/2016 – 08/2018

## Technical skills

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<b>Machine learning</b>	pytorch, computer vision, natural language processing
<b>OS &amp; task automation</b>	Linux programming, UNIX shell, data processing & cleaning
<b>Functional</b>	Haskell, <i>Julia</i>
<b>Object-oriented</b>	C++, Java, Python
<b>Low-level</b>	C (parallel computing with MPI, OpenMP, pthread, CUDA), LLVM
<b>Other</b>	LaTeX, TikZ, MySQL, PHP, Javascript, Web scraping, REST APIs, Matlab, R, Go, linear programming

## Relevant projects

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### Sole.jl – Third Millennium Symbolic Learning in Julia

The first framework for symbolic/interpretable machine learning and modeling. Accepted at JuliaCon2023.

University of Ferrara

2022

### ModalDecisionTrees.jl – Novel Decision Trees in Julia

Interpretable classification of data with dimensional components, such as audio recordings, images, videos, and EEG signals. Presented at JuliaCon2022.

University of Ferrara

2021

### Transparent COVID-19 diagnosis from audio samples of breath and cough

Modal decision trees allow the extraction of knowledge in *explicit* form, able to explain the relation between vocal patterns in cough/breath samples and the presence of COVID-19 in a human subject.

University of Ferrara

2020

### Pitòn - Rule extraction from MySQL databases

Laravel Package (PHP) for training rule-based classification models from data stored in MySQL databases.

University of Ferrara

2020

### Class Semantic Awareness for neural networks

Attempt at improving the standard softmax-based classification framework for neural networks.

University of Gothenburg

2020

### Dimensionality reduction: a performance comparison of PCA, LDA and FJLT

National University of Singapore

2019

### EasyG – Classifying Electrocardiograms using deep learning

University of Gothenburg

2019

## Honors & awards

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- 2023 **Member**, it-ER Ambassador network
- 2022 **Winner**, Acceleration Programme @ MAGICA Summer School
  - Participant**, JuliaCon – Official Julia conference (online edition)
  - Participant**, Technological Contest @ 37th Italian Conference on Computational Logic (CILC)
- 2021 **Finalist**, Huawei Italy University Challenge
  - Participant**, Talents for Open Innovation
  - TV & news appearance**, Focus on a research work I conducted on TV program “Oggi è un Altro Giorno”
- 2019 **Participant**, CS&E Hackathon 2019
- 2018 **Finalist**, How to fight global warming with your wallet (TEDxGöteborg)

## Languages

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- Italian** Native speaker
- English** IELTS Academic score: 7.0

## Personal interests

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- Learning** Touch typing, ergonomics, codes, languages
- Music** Arrangement, Professional studies of jazz guitar and piano
- Entertainment** Video-editing, improv
- Sport** Climbing, table tennis

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