Adam Casson

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EXPERIENCE Senior Research Engineer

2019 - Present

Paige.AI New York, NY

• Working on self-supervised learning and distillation for pretraining of vision transformers on gigapixel histopathology imagery.

- Training, evaluating, and optimizing multimodal language models with long-context image inputs.
- Designing real and synthetic multimodal data pipelines with a focus on enabling clinically relevant capabilities in vision-language models.
- Directly collaborating with Microsoft Research for large-scale vision transformer training.
- Co-author of papers that appeared in Nature Medicine, Cancer Research, The Journal of Pathology, MIDL, as well as multiple tech reports.
- Core contributor to the research and development of the first FDA approved AI in pathology.
- Building high-performance training infrastructure to enable rapid experimentation and development.
- One of the first AI employees at the company and have helped build out the team to 30+ people.

Machine Learning Engineer

Comcast-NBCUniversal

2017 - 2019

New York, NY

- \bullet Researched temporal word embeddings for understanding semantic drift.
- Worked on facial recognition, object detection, and scene detection for videos.
- Organized and taught a weekly machine learning course for coworkers.

Research Assistant

Rochester Institute of Technology

2016 - 2017

Rochester, NY

- Researched mulitmodal vision-language models for video question answering.
- Developed a synthetic data pipeline to generate question-answer pairs from video captions usinig neural dependency parsing.
- Trained a multimodal architecture to jointly reason over videos and text to answer questions.

EDUCATION

Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY

Bachelor of Science, Imaging Science

2013 - 2017

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Python

Libraries: PyTorch, Triton, Numpy, Pandas, Sklearn, CUDA

Tooling: Docker, Git, Slurm

Distributed computing: Multi-node distributed training and inference

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Zimmermann, E., Vorontsov, E., Viret, J., Casson, A., Zelechowski, M., Shaikovski, G., Tenenholtz, N., Hall, J., Fuchs, T., Fusi, N., Liu, S., Severson, K. (2024) Virchow2: Scaling Self-Supervised Mixed Magnification Models in Pathology. arXiv preprint.

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P., van Eck, A., Lee, D., Viret, J., Robert, E., Wang, Y.K., Kunz, J.D., Lee, M.C.H., Bernhard, J.H., Godrich, R.A., Oakley, G., Millar, E., Hanna, M., Wen, H., Retamero, J.A., Moye, W.A., Yousfi, R., Kanan, C., Klimstra, D.S., Rothrock, B., Liu, S., Fuchs, T.J. (2024) A foundation model for clinical-grade computational pathology and rare cancers detection. *Nature Medicine*. doi: 10.1038/s41591-024-03141-0 [*Equal contribution]

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