# Jared T Nielsen

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#### Work Experience

## Amazon AI - Software Engineer

Sep 2019 - Present

- Launched and open-sourced SageMaker Debugger, which automates debugging machine learning training jobs.
  Second-most prolific code contributor, despite joining only three months before launch. Single-handedly created custom framework forks of PyTorch and TensorFlow to enable zero-code-change functionality.
- Operational excellence: graph caching algorithms to increase training speed 2x, multiprocessing downloader to increase download speed 2x, test parallelism to increase test speed 3x, autoformatter to limit merge conflicts.
- Built production infrastructure in the following AWS services: S3, EC2, ECS, ECR, SageMaker, CloudFormation, Fargate, Lambda, CloudWatch, CodeBuild.

#### Machine Learning Research Intern - Wish

May 2019 - Aug 2019

- $\circ$  Drove \$5 million increase in annual revenue (0.4% improvement, per A/B testing) by identifying and recommending daily trending products via probabilistic NLP. Applied trends to product recommendations, search autocomplete, and email campaigns.
- Launched the company's first realtime computer vision pipeline, classifying 100s of images/second with Amazon SQS and TensorFlow Serving in Golang. Efficiently backfilled predictions for tens of millions of products.
- Created an dataset of 3 million products for category prediction and content filtering. Improved content filtering precision by 15x by training and ensembling both an image & text classifier, mitigating noisy imbalanced data.
- Used: go, python, mongodb, tensorflow, sql, hive, presto, docker, spark, graph neural networks, natural language processing

## Machine Learning Research Scientist - Perception, Control and Cognition Lab Sep 2018 - May 2019

- Led a consulting project responsible for \$150,000 in grant funding. Developed sophisticated unsupervised and semi-supervised methods for early alert systems in semiconductor manufacturing.
- Video frame prediction using invertible neural networks and controlled dynamical systems.
- Fourier convolutional neural networks, faster inference with activation functions in the complex domain.
- Used: python, pytorch, numpy/scipy, docker, opency, c++

### Microsoft - Software Engineer Intern

May 2018 - Aug 2018

- Launched a secure VPN type for Microsoft Azure enterprises, immediately enabling 1,000 new client subscriptions and increasing monthly revenue by \$100,000. Completed project three weeks ahead of schedule.
- Gathered requirements from external VPN provider, fixed critical bugs, and developed end-to-end features.
- Improved service uptime and build speed by migrating portions of the monolithic codebase to microservices.
- Used: c#, typescript, bazel, selenium, git

## MantisX - Software Developer

Jun 2016 - May 2018

- Created realtime on-device inference neural networks on iOS and Android for firearm shot detection from gyroscopic timeseries data. Achieved industry-best performance of 99% accuracy with a 2% false positive rate.
- o Designed, deployed, and scaled a production database handling 50K monthly active users and 200MM shots.
- Opened a market partnership with the U.S. Marines by creating secure private groups.
- o Used: django, postgresql, aws, python, tensorflow, redis, html/css, javascript, git

#### Publications & Projects

Wasserstein Neural Processes: NeurIPS 2019 Optimal Transport Workshop, arXiv:1910.00668

Video Extrapolation with an Invertible Linear Embedding: arXiv:1903.00133

March Madness: Modified Google's PageRank algorithm to track basketball team strength instead of website popularity. Won my group in ESPN's bracket challenge, probably through a fair amount of luck.

Open Source: Contributor to tensorflow, numpy, and hyperopt.

### **EDUCATION**

### B.S. Applied Mathematics; 3.82 GPA

Apr 2019