



MATTEO GIOELE COLLU

PHD STUDENT IN BRAIN, MIND
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BASIC INFORMATION

21/08/1998

Italian

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Driving Licence

FIELDS OF INTEREST

- Algorithms and computability
- Machine and Deep Learning
- Security and privacy in Machine Learning
- Mathematics and statistics
- Explainable AI

PROGRAMMING SKILLS

- Programming languages: **Python, C, C++, Java, OCaml**
- Tools and relevant libraries: **LangChain, Git, Latex, PyTorch, OpenCV, Excel, PySpark**

LANGUAGES

- English C1 - Certified IELTS Academic
- Italian - Native Speaker
- Spanish B1

ABOUT ME

Researcher focused on the intersection of AI and Cybersecurity. I approach research like a game—passionate about red teaming and competing in CTFs with the LL_corsairs team. A disciplined yet unconventional thinker.

EXPERIENCE

CTF - LL_corsairs co-founder

- 5th position in LLMail-Inject, Microsoft prompt injection challenge
- 10th position in LLM-CTF competition SaTML 2024

Guest Researcher

Radboud University, 10/2023 - 04/2024

- Erasmus Traineeship programme
- Safety of Large Language Models with focus on jailbreaking techniques and alignment
- Use of GPT3.5, GPT4, OpenAI APIs, LLAMA-2, Together APIs, Bard, Gemini-1.5-Flash, and Google AI APIs

Research Traineeship (Remote)

University of Aberdeen, 02/2021 - 05/2021

- Development of an NLG-based chatbot for diet coaching

Publications

- Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde: Two Faces of LLMs
- Unaddressed Challenges in Persuasive Dieting Chatbots

Academic Projects

- Revealing Demographic Bias in LLMs
- Langchain Agent for Cognitive Support in Mild Cognitive Impairment
- Implementation and comparison between VGG16, ResNet50 and InceptionV3 in melanoma classification
- Custom Meta-heuristic in CPLEX C++ for the TSP
- Python Sudoku Solver with Simulated Annealing

EDUCATION

PhD student in Brain, Mind and Computer Science

Università degli Studi di Padova, 2024 - now

Topic: Towards Secure Explainable AI and Misuse Prevention in LLMs

Master Degree in Computer Science (110L/110)

Università degli Studi di Padova, 2021 - 2024

Topics: Artificial Intelligence, Deep Learning, Computer Vision, Optimization, Big Data Engineering, Security of Machine Learning

Thesis: "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde: Two Faces of LLMs", shows how personality can direct Large Language Models' behavior to bypass safety measures.

Bachelor Degree in Computer Science (110L/110)

Università degli Studi di Cagliari, 2018 - 2021

Cyberchallenge Cybersecurity course

Università degli Studi di Cagliari, 2020

- Cryptography, Web Security, Network Security and Reverse Engineering