

# Valentin Tsatskin

## Freelance Software Development & Consulting

*Jun 2022–Present,  
Remote, Toronto, ON*

- Designed interface and API for delivering ER patient deterioration predictions from ML models to hospital clinical staff.
- Analyzed processes and personnel of engineering organization for improving efficiencies and achieving company profitability.
- Lead engineering team and product development of mobile and web apps in the mental health therapy space.

## layer6 Senior Machine Learning Engineering

*Jun 2020–May 2022,  
Remote, Toronto, ON*

- Developed tools for state of the art machine learning explainability used for core bank use cases in Java, Elm, and TypeScript.
- Designed and implemented data visualizations and UIs for large datasets (100s millions records) using ChartJS, VegaLite, and Figma.
- Planned and supervised projects for 4 co-op students while providing training, mentorship, and career guidance.
- Awarded TD's 2021 Patent Visionary Award for designing and implementing a novel ML explainability tool and algorithm for uncovering feature–prediction relationships using React, Python, and Scikit-Learn (CCE-Vis, patent-pending).

## Passenger AI Senior Software Engineering

*May 2018–May 2020,  
Remote, Toronto, ON*

- Integrated computer vision machine learning models for autonomous vehicle cabin monitoring.
- Built a real-time vehicle monitoring frontend and backend using TypeScript, React, NodeJs and WebRTC.
- Evaluated, benchmarked, and integrated real-time and archival media streaming and storage software utilizing WebRTC, HLS, and RTMP protocols.
- Developed a custom camera exposure PID control system for increasing computer vision ML model performance by 15%.

## Skills

### Web Development

React, TypeScript, Elm, GraphQL, WebRTC, jQuery, three.js

### Backend Development

NodeJs, Python, Java/Kotlin, Rust, Postgres, ElasticSearch, CouchDB, Hasura

### Media Storage and Streaming

WebRTC, HLS, RTMP, Wowza, Ant Media

### Machine Learning, Image Processing

OpenCV, dlib, scikit-learn, MATLAB, Python, C++

### Data Analysis and Visualization

VegaLite, ChartJs, D3, Pandas, matplotlib, Python, R, SQL

### UX and UI Design

Human Centered Design, Sketch, Framer, Origami Studio

## Education

Systems Design Engineering

BASc (Hons), University of Waterloo, 2017

## Contact & More

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## **avec** Technical Co-Founder

*Nov 2017–Jan 2018,  
Toronto, ON*

- Co-founded a startup to drive more customers into high-end restaurants through marketing 2-for-1 food deals.
- Lead the technical effort to launch an iOS and Android app, GraphQL backend API, and website for the product.
- Architected system to have type safety across all components and their boundaries utilizing Flow, GraphQL, and Apollo.

## **Pressura** Founder

*Apr–Nov 2017,  
Waterloo, ON*

- Founded company to prevent pressure injuries in wheelchair using seniors through technological and process improvements in long-term care facilities.
- Created an IoT pressure distribution sensing wheelchair cushion with offline caching capabilities streamed to an iOS and Android app.
- Developed a machine learning algorithm to detect users performing pressure relieving exercises while sitting on the wheelchair cushion

## **facebook** Data Scientist Intern

*May–Aug 2016,  
Menlo Park*

- Analyzed usage and growth opportunities of an experimental version of the Facebook Newsfeed deployed to millions of users.
- Identified product opportunities for increasing user retention through flow analysis.
- Conducted a hierarchical clustering analysis of users' interests

## architech

*Sep–Dec 2015,  
Toronto*

## Machine Learning Research Co-op

- Researched and developed a real-time calibration-free gaze tracking system for large interactive displays in Python and C++.
- Trained and analyzed the model utilizing OpenCV, scikit-learn.
- Worked with speech diarization and three.js for 3D visualization of collaboration in rooms.

## **INDIEGOGO**

*Jan–Apr 2015,  
San Francisco*

## Software Engineering Intern

- Led team to redesign and engineer internal campaign history tool, winning internal award.
- Created a spam detection system for campaign comments.
- Parallelized API acceptance test builds on CircleCI continuous integration system.

## **mozilla**

*Jan–Aug 2014,  
San Francisco*

## User Experience Designer

- Redesigned Firefox's network error pages to increase error recovery.
- Prototyped tab-switching concept for Android Firefox.
- Created interaction designs for Firefox OS's data consumption tool.
- Wrote and conducted usability studies for Firefox OS features.

## **HACK THE NORTH**

*Oct 2013–Sep 2015,  
Waterloo, ON*

## Co-Founder

- Kickstarted Canada's largest hackathon for 1000+ hackers from 100 schools in 10 countries.
- Defined hackathon's vision and values.
- Led website engineering and design team to create application page for 1000s of applicants.