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AI Agents for Decision Making in the Real World

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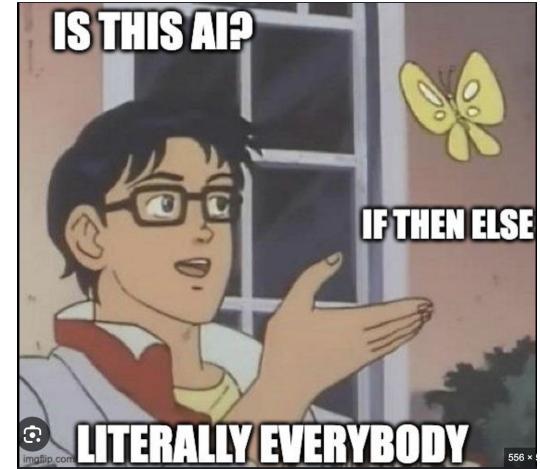
About Me

- PhD in Computer Science from the University of Maryland, College Park in Summer 2025
- Recent PhD Student Researcher at Google AI AR and Google DeepMind and as an AI Resident at Google X
- Lead PhD Researcher in a DoD LTS project
- Tenure-Track Assistant Professor of Computer Science at the City College of New York beginning Fall 2025



Research Interests

- AI Agents
 - Improving capabilities of AI Agents
 - Real World Applications in Climate Conservation, Supply Chain Orchestration, Multimodal Agents, LLM Agents, Recommender Systems, Economics, AI Privacy etc
- Distributed Training (we know it as Modern Distributed Computing)
- Multimodal Deep Learning
 - Interpretable Semantic Understanding across Image, Text, Video, Audio modes
- AI Alignment
 - Human-AI collaboration; Fixing Mistakes of Humans/other AI Agents; Explainable AI
- AI Agents Seminar Series: (go.umd.edu/marl)



About You

- What programming background do you have?
- What are you most excited to learn?
- What do you dream to do after graduation?
- What are your expectations from this course?



About this Course

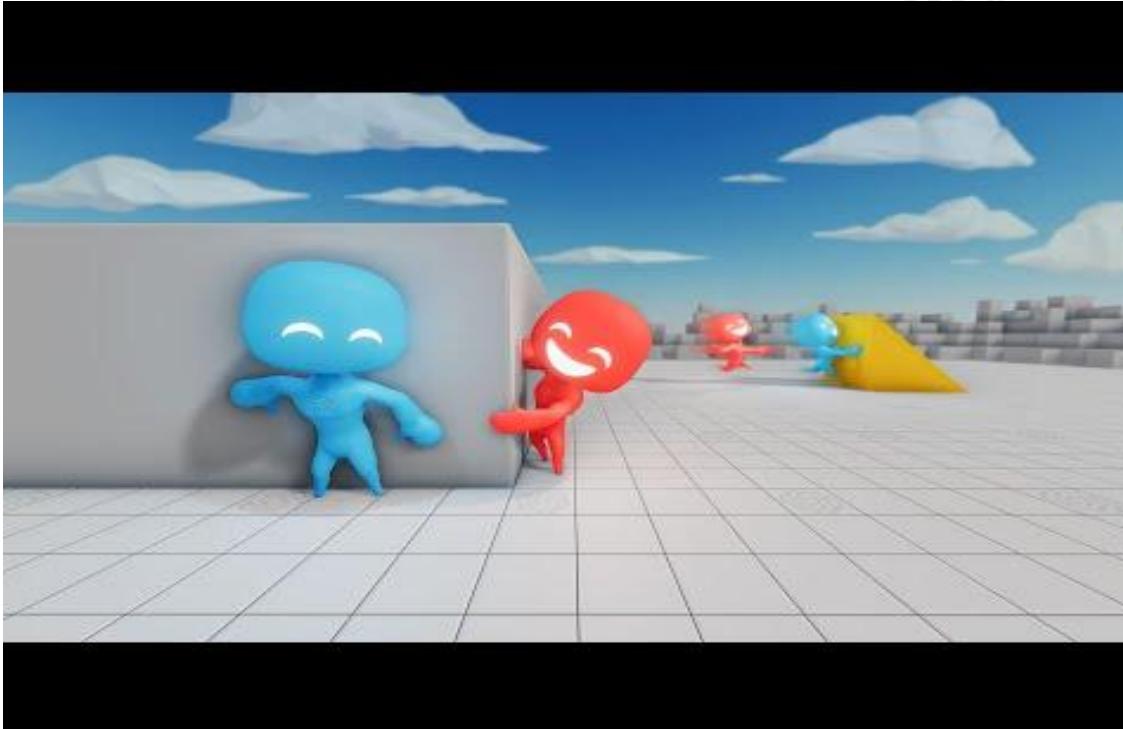
- Over the course of a year, you will be designing and completing a research project on AI Agents with applications in the real world!
- Programming Language: Python
- We will be learning about relevant AI Agents concepts, including Multi-Agent AI and learning about good research practices that will be useful in your post-graduation career in graduate school or in the industry
- At the end of the semester you will be able to formulate and execute a research project relating to AI Agents in the real world.

How to Reach Me

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AI Agents: Overview and Applications

Multi-agent RL for Hide-and-Seek (OpenAI, 2019)



Tax Policy with Multi-agent RL (Zheng et. al, 2020)



When AI Agents Fail



Claude Code operated a vending machine.

It stocked it with tungsten cubes, live fish, and a playstation, losing hundreds of dollars!

AI Agents are still very much an open problem.

Questions?

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