

# James Payor

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## Experience Independent AI Alignment Research

May 2022 - Present

Pursuing independent directions for AI Alignment.

Research Staff, Machine Intelligence Research Institute - Berkeley, USA

Jan 2018 - April 2022

Technical research in the field of AI Alignment.

Co-founder and CTO, Draftable - Melbourne, Australia

June 2015 - December 2017

Building what version control should be for Office documents. Developing comparison algorithms and interfaces, and methods for reconstructing document history.

## Education Massachusetts Institute of Technology - Cambridge, USA

August 2014 - May 2015

*Discontinued B.S. in Mathematics with Computer Science*

2015 Spring Randomized Algorithms (A), Algebra II (A), Network and Computer Security (A), Calculus II (A), Undergraduate Advanced Project (C)

2014 Fall Advanced Algorithms, Algebra I, Introduction to EECS, Physics I, Linear Algebra, Problems of Philosophy, Calculus I

University of New South Wales - Sydney, Australia

March 2014 - July 2014

*Discontinued B.Sc. in Computer Science*

2014 Fall Extended Operating Systems (HD), Computer Security Workshop (HD)

2012 Fall Introduction to Computing (HD)

## Achievements International Olympiad in Informatics - Brisbane, Australia (July 2013)

Awarded a Silver Medal at the IOI, placed 45<sup>th</sup> of 299 contestants.

Australian Informatics Olympiads (2013)

Gold Medals in Australian Informatics and Invitational Informatics Olympiads in 2013.

Australian Science Olympiads (2013)

Gold Medals in Australian Physics and Biology Olympiads. Invited to training camps.

Computer Security Competitions (2014)

Member of teams qualifying for the Defcon 2014 finals, and CSAW 2014 finals.

## Publications Flow Rounding (July 2015)

*with Donggu Kang - [arxiv.org/abs/1507.08139](https://arxiv.org/abs/1507.08139)*

Approaches for rounding fractional flows to integral ones in nearly linear time.

Methods and Systems for Improved Document Comparison (April 2014)

*PCT/AU2014/000433*

Text document comparison algorithms and UI, an approach for reconstructing document history.