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Education

Georgia Institute of Technology

B.S. Computer Science, 2021

GPA: 3.8 Atlanta, GA

August 2019 - Present

Website: 2019aliu.github.io

- Selected courses: Data Structures and Algorithms, Objects and Design, Honors Linear Algebra with Abstract Vector Spaces, Discrete Mathematics, Combinatorics, Statistics and Applications, Macroeconomics

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

Alexandria, VA

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Main Interests: Computer Science, Neuroscience

September 2016 - June 2019

- Selected coursework: Artificial Intelligence, Mobile Application Development, Web Application Development, AP Computer Science A and Data Structures, Neuroscience Research Lab, Neurobiology, Research Statistics
- Honors received: Siemens Regional Semifinalist, Virginia Science and Engineering Fair: 2nd in Bioengineering Category, AP Scholar with Distinction, Athletic Honor Roll

Skills

Languages: Java, Python, JavaScript, Golang, SQL, HTML, CSS, LaTeX, Dart

Infrastructures and Frameworks: Node.js, React.js, Bootstrap, Git, MongoDB/MongoDB Atlas, Firebase, Redis, Vue.js, Keras, Tensorflow, WebSocket, Heroku, MySQL, PyTorch, Angular, Flutter

Software: Terminal (Linux, Mac), Postman, Vim, Jupyter Notebook, Android Studio, Figma, Visual Studio Code, IntelliJ IDEA, PyCharm, jGRASP, Google Colabratory, Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL)

Selected Experience and Projects

HeartsRL

Great Falls, VA - remote

June 2020 - Present

Personal Projects

- Make a computer program to play the game of Hearts using reinforcement learning
- Build website to allow users to play the game of Hearts against other users or with the computer program
- Technologies used: Python, Javascript, Tensorflow, React.js, WebSocket, Figma

Recycling Website

Atlanta, GA - remote

Google Developer Student Club, Georgia Tech Chapter

June 2020 - Present

- Create website and mobile application to handle administration of Georgia Tech's Office for Solid Waste Management and Recycling
- Connect the user interfaces to the existing Firestore database
- Improve design of user interfaces
- Technologies used: Javascript, Dart, Flutter, Angular, Firebase/Firestore, Figma

Software Developer Intern

 $S&C\ Electric$

Rockville, MD - remote May 2020 - Present

- Build a web application to view and edit settings of electrical products for consumers nationwide
- Design a proxy-microservice type application to allow for easier maintainence and construction
- Construct UI with React.js and supporting proxy with GraphQL and Apollo for client-side operations
- Implement, test, and document microservice to retrieve data from S&C Electric's devices, and a microservice to open channels for subscribing to the devices' data

Technologies used: Java, Javascript, GraphQL, Redis, Spring Boot, React.js, WebSocket and STOMP,
 Docker

talk:now

hack:now (CalHacks 2020)

Berkeley, CA - remote

April 24-26, 2020

- Made a video chatting application for people experiencing hard times to chat with someone in a similar situation
- Users fill out a 1-minute form to quickly categorize the problem they are facing (can also choose to just talk to anyone), and are connected with the same issue with a video calling and text chatting application
- Top 30 Finalist in the main prize category out of 300+ submissions
- Technologies used: Javascript, Vue.js, WebSocket and WebRTC, Peer.js, SASS

TAG Atlanta, GA

Create-X: Idea to Prototype

January 2020 - April 2020

- Create a tracking device that has better range than most commercially available tracking tags
- Uses Global Positioning System (GPS) to determine vicinity of device, Bluetooth/Wifi to identity exact location, and Android Studio to create a mobile app to easily manage tracking
- Technologies used: Android Studio, Java, XML, Google Nearby Messages API, Google Maps API

CoronaDigest Charlottesville, VA
HookHacks 2020
March 28-29, 2020

- Make a web application that provides the latest news about Coronavirus (COVID-19), including a
 2-minute daily digest, a 3D globe of Coronavirus cases, and financial information related to the
 Coronavirus.
- Technologies used: Python, Plotly, Seaborn, Matplotlib, MongoDB Atlas, Pandas, Jupter Notebook,
 Flask, Jinja, Bootstrap, Heroku

Creating the Next Atlanta, GA

Hacklytics 2020

February 22-23, 2020

- Visualized unemployment data and other macroeconomic factors nationally and globally, and built
 multivariate regression model to determine how much the government should spend on unemployment
- Won best use of visualizations
- Technologies used: Python, Plotly, Seaborn, Matplotlib, MongoDB Atlas, Pandas, Jupyter Notebook,
 Flask

FoxStocks Athens, GA

UGAHacks 5

February 7-9, 2020

- Created web application to teach new investors how to invest in stocks. My part was mostly backend work.
- Won best use of MongoDB Atlas
- Technologies used: Flask, Jinja, MongoDB Atlas, Python, BlackRock Aladdin API

TimePlotter Atlanta, GA

Big Data Big Impact Club

October 2019 - December 2019

- Develop a data analytic algorithm for a time-based plot of Atlanta using SGD technique to optimize the lengths between any two points based on the time taken
- Technologies used: Pandas, Google Maps API, Python

Season2Season Atlanta, GA

Agency Club

October 2019 - December 2019

 Create a tool to change the season of an outdoors picture using a Generative Adversarial Network (GAN) machine-learning model trained with 1000+ images - Technologies used: PyTorch, Python

Inline

HackDuke 2020

Durham, NC
November 2-3, 2019

 Created web application to search for nearby health centers with the specified treatments and sort them by transportation time using Google Maps API

- Technologies used: Flask, Google Maps API, MongoDB Atlas, HTML/CSS/JS

Stockastic Atlanta, GA HackGT 6 October 25-27, 2019

- Designed and implemented a web application that helps users to monitor stocks of their interest by conducting sentiment analysis of Twitter tweets about the corresponding companies
- Technologies used: React.js, Express.js, HTML/CSS, MongoDB, Twitter API, Google Cloud Natural Language API

Software Developer Intern

Greenbelt, MD

Fluency Security Corporation

June 2019 - August 2019

- Developed a web-based trouble ticketing system, FasterIncidentResponse, using MongoDB-Gin-Vue.js-Golang fullstack framework, and integrated it into existing log management software
- Created developer's guide documentation with Postman, Markdown, and Web Developer tools
- Unit tested log management software with Golang's unit testing framework
- Technologies used: Golang (including Gin server), MongoDB, Bootstrap, Vue.js, Node-RED, Visual Studio Code

Tetris: Forty Lines

Alexandria, VA

Mobile Applications Development

March 2019 - June 2019

- Implemented a swipe-capable Tetris Android app in Android Studio with Java backend
- Technologies used: Android Studio, Java

 $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{LegiChat} & \text{Alexandria, VA} \\ HackTJ~6.0 & April~2019 \end{array}$

- Motivated by the lack of a unified method of contacting local Congresspeople, as well as the Phone2Action challenge.

- Technologies used: Phone2Action API, HTML, CSS, JS, Node.js, Python (for scrapping data, elastic search), Git

Arcade Game Suite

Alexandria, VA

Web Applications Development

September 2018 - January 2019

- Designed and developed web-based suite of games, including U.S. Minesweeper, Tetris, and a word-finder assistant for Scrabble
- Technologies used: HTML/CSS/JS (including ¡Query, AJAX), SQL, Node.js

Website Developer and Administrator

Chantilly, VA

Hope Chinese School

August 2018 - December 2018

- Helped develop and administer a new website for cultural and enrichment center serving 5000 users
- Former administrator of the website, managing a system of tens of thousands of users.
- Website: https://www.hopechineseschool.org
- Technologies used: HTML/CSS/JS, Django, SASS

Othello AI Artificial Intelligence

Alexandria, VA

December 2017 - January 2018

- Coded an AI that can intelligently play the classic board game Othello
 - Competed in an Othello AI competition

- Technologies used: Python

- Developed a proof-of-concept hack for finding best credit card options given user input from a Facebook Messenger chat-bot, used Capital One's API
- Won Best Entrepreneurial Hack
- Technologies used: Python, Facebook Messenger API, Capital One Hack-a-thon API

Research Experience

Migraine Research

Great Falls, VA

Neuroscience Research Lab

June 2018 - January 2019

- Title: Exploration of Two-Dimensional Materials for Inhibition of the Calcitonin Gene-Related Peptide Pathway in Migraines
- Employed high-performance CPU cluster and slurm management in collaboration with high school's computer systems lab
- Continued using ABINIT, an open-source package for making predictions about molecular systems based on solving quantum physics equations.
- Research proposal accepted by neuroscience research lab at high school, received guidance and \$2400 funding for project
- Submitted to Intel Science Talent Search, presented at the Thomas Jefferson Symposium to Advance Research
- Research Abstract: Current research shows blocking the Calcitonin Gene-Related Peptide Receptor (CGRPR) most effectively treats migraines. First-principle calculations have been performed to analyze the interaction between one of the most effective migraines medicines and the active amino acids in the CGRPR. Based on the premise that two-dimensional (2D) materials have van der Waals interactions with amino acids, computations on the binding energies between the active amino acids in CGRPR and the selected 2D materials, silicene, germanene, and graphene oxide, have been performed. Based on the calculated binding energies, the interaction strength of each selected 2D material with CGRPR and that of olcegepant with CGRPR were compared. Results indicate that silicene possesses potentially potency to treat migraines more effectively yet economically than most existing treatments do.

Alzheimer's Disease Research

Alexandria, VA

Project Lead

June 2017 - August 2017

- Title: Exploration of Chelation Materials for Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease
- Used ABINIT, an open-source package for making predictions about molecular systems based on solving quantum physics equations.
- Submitted to Siemens Competition 2017, achieved the semifinalist award
- Competed in science and engineering fairs, placed 2nd at the Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair
- Research Abstract: First-principle calculations have been performed to investigate the interaction of different metal ions with amyloid-beta, along with adsorption of the metal ion by potential chelating materials. Binding energies were evaluated for metal interaction with a first coordination sphere consisting of three nitrogens and one oxygen. Results indicate that this coordination sequence possesses greatest compatibility for copper. Due to copper's strongest affinity, binding energies were also evaluated for its interaction with MoS2, WS2, reduced graphene oxide (rGO), and cyanide. Our results indicate cyanide and rGO to possess strong chelation potential for treatment of Alzheimer's disease.

Community Leadership

Instructor of Introductory Computer Science

Chantilly, VA

Hope Chinese School

January 2015 - June 2019

- Co-founded and instructed first computer science course in Hope Chinese School
- Outstanding service recognition for multiple years (2017, 2018) for voluntary service, received paid position in 2018-2019 school year

NeuroInspire Inc.

Alexandria, VA

Instructor

September 2016 - May 2017

- Instructor for the NeuroInspire outreach program and 2017 NeuroInspire Impulse event
- Taught underpriveliged middle schoolers in the outreach program
- Worked with TJ Partnership to acquire funding for thousands of dollars of equipment

Non-academic Activities

Member, Georgia Tech Swim Club

Atlanta, GA

Georgia Tech

August 2019 - Present

- Practice, compete, socialize, and volunteer with the members and coaches of the swim club
- Qualified for the 2020 College Club Swimming National Championship

Member, Developer Student Club at Georgia Tech

Atlanta, GA

Georgia Tech

June 2020 - Present

- Develop software to meet communal needs
- Built website to handle administration of the Waste and Recycling Program at Georgia Tech

Member, Georgia Tech Product Managers

Atlanta, GA

Georgia Tech

April 2020 - Present

- Learn how to manage product development, particularly for computer software

Member, GT Investment Club

Atlanta, GA

Georgia Tech

January 2020 - Present

 Studying in the mentorship program to understand accounting and investing fundamentals and strategies

Member, GT Pianoforte

Atlanta, GA

Georgia Tech

January 2020 - Present

- Play piano at concerts and socialize with other members of the club