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Work Experience

• Co-Founder at GetchaBooks, LLC

December 2009 - present

- Built a course-based textbook shopping website supporting over 1200 colleges. Users specify their courses, we look up their required books and find the best way to buy them online.
- Wrote the PHP/MySQL backend, using a custom MVC, Propel ORM, and Memcached.
- Wrote real-time piecemeal bookstore scrapers handling JavaScript and cookies.
- Managed our Linux/Apache server.
- Student Research Assistant at AIFB, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology June 2010 - August 2010
 - Designed and wrote AskQ, a Semantic MediaWiki extension that translates plain-text queries into structured queries based on known data and adds faceted browsing to query results, using PHP, MySQL, and jQuery.
- Salesperson and Manager at Boston Skyline, Inc.

July 2008 - August 2010

 Sold apparel throughout downtown Boston at a busy pushcart retailer. Managed inventory, cashflow, and employees.

Education

- B.A. in Computer Science, Minor in Linguistics, Tufts University, Medford, MA (expected May 2012)
 - CS classes on topics such as algorithms, machine structure, programming languages, operating systems, web development, the semantic web, theory of computation, and artificial intelligence.
 - C programming with valgrind, gdb, and ddd
 - Linguistics and philosophy of mind
 - Semester abroad at the University of Tübingen in Germany

Skills

- Very experienced with PHP, C, MySQL, and MediaWiki. Moderately experienced with Python. Familiar with C++, JavaScript, jQuery, Prolog, Lisp, Haskell, Java, Ruby, Bash, XSLT, LaTeX, and CSS.
- Proficien in German, familiarity with Spanish, and ability and desire to learn new languages.
- Creative, hard-working, good communicator, excellent writer.