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Work Experience

 Co-Founder and Backend Engineer at GetchaBooks, LLC December 2009 - present

- Conceived and built a course-based textbook shopping website supporting over 1200 colleges.
 Users select their courses, we look up their books and find the cheapest way to buy them online.
- Designed and wrote most of the PHP/MySQL backend, using a custom MVC, Propel ORM, and Memcached.
- Wrote multiple piecemeal bookstore scrapers handling JavaScript and cookies.
- Managed our **Linux** 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 user queries into structured semantic queries and adds rudimentary faceted browsing to query results, using PHP, MySQL, and jQuery.
- \bullet 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, (GPA: 3.44) 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 and C++ programming with ${\bf valgrind},\,{\bf gdb},$ and ${\bf ddd}$
 - 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.
- Proficiency in German, familiarity with Spanish, and ability and desire to learn new languages.
- Creative, hard-working, good communicator, excellent writer.