# Stephen Ou

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# **EXPERIENCE**

## **Alameda County**

## **Software Engineering Intern**

2013

Developed an employee shuttle tracking and route planning application. Used by 9000 county workers. The app won the National Association of Counties Technology award, given to only 1 county per year to recognize govtech innovation.

- Wrote an algorithm to calculate waiting time at each stop based on current shuttle location and traffic condition.
- Developed a custom route planner by combining shuttle schedule, AC Transit bus schedule, and BART train schedule.
- Led the 3-intern team that independently built the app in 10 weeks. Directed meetings. Planned development timeline.

#### **Warner Music Group**

# Freelance Programmer

2010 - 201

Automated the data analysis process for the marketing department of the largest recording company in the world. The system saves each marketing analyst 2 hours every day from manual data entry, slow data lookup, and Excel file processing.

- Built a powerful dashboard of sales data that allows multiple sorting criteria, date filters, and location selections.
- Optimized database and algorithms for fast insertion, update and search of 20 million rows of data by more than 75%.
- Added data visualization by constructing an interactive chart for market trends and a hotspot map for regional sales.

## **EDUCATION**

#### **Stanford University**

## **Computer Science major**

2014 - 2018

• Coursework: Programming Abstractions (Accelerated), Computer Systems, Probability for Computer Scientists

## **PROJECTS**

iTunes Instant: an instant search engine for iTunes's songs, movies, TV shows and apps; served 400,000 users in 5 years.

- Used Codelgniter framework to query and process data from iTunes API. Used jQuery for front-end instant result display.
- Generated significant revenue from iTunes affiliate program. Featured in Mashable, Gizmodo, Fast Company, Inc. Magazine.

Artsy Editor: a WordPress editor for professional writers; profitable since day 1 and has 200 paying customers to date.

- Designed distraction-free interface with inline formatting box, drag-and-drop image uploading, and one-click image editing.
- Developed with PHP, JavaScript, CSS, HTML. Practiced object-oriented programming to integrate with WordPress.

SocialBusinessCard: a tool designed for college students to convert social profiles into real business card designs.

- The app provides an elegant design and fills in the card content from social profiles (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn).
- Created the card layout using the Canvas feature in HTML5. Integrated with APIs of 3 major tech companies.

NeedNumbers: a tool to auto-import contacts from "Lost My Numbers" Facebook groups/events into a smartphone.

- The app pulls text updates from Facebook API, parses out the numbers, generates a vCard file, sends it to a user's phone.
- What used to be 30 minutes of manual data entry can be done in 30 seconds with few clicks. Featured in TechCrunch.

TwtRoulette: a web app that allows Twitter users to view other people's home timeline and discover new friends.

• 5000 signups in 1st week, including Ashton Kutcher. Featured in TechCrunch, Forbes, Business Insider, The Huffington Post.

#### **SKILLS**

Proficient: C++, Java, PHP, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, R; Familiar with: Ruby, Python; Learning: Objective-C, Swift

## **LEADERSHIP & AWARDS**

**Silver Medal, Alameda County Hackathon**: won 2nd place and \$1500 as the only high school team in a pool of 55 hackers.

**TEDx Speaker**: presented my thoughts on the future of young entrepreneurship, with 1800+ views and 40+ likes on YouTube.

Young Entrepreneur Award: given by National Federation of Independent Business to only 2 students in California every year.

President, Next Programming Star Club: grew from 5 to 70 members in 2 years; taught HTML/CSS/JS to high school students.

#### **INTERESTS**

mathemagic, autonomous vehicle research, data science, HCI, geocaching, DSLR photography, magic trick, cycling