

# Brandon Suen

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## EDUCATION

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- UC Berkeley B.A. Computer Science (intended); 2024 expected graduation
- **Technical skills:** JavaScript/Node.js, React Native, Python, Java, HTML, CSS/SASS, Git, React.js, Redux, Express.js, Bootstrap, Machine learning, Deep learning, Deep reinforcement learning
- **Relevant coursework:** Structure and Interpretation of Computer Programs, Data Structures, Designing Information Devices and Systems I (Linear Algebra) (accurate up to fall 2020)

## EXPERIENCES

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### Computer Science Summer Institute: Google, Inc., July 2020 — JavaScript

- Completed a project-based JavaScript curriculum taught by Google engineers
- Delivered collaborative final project presentation with live demonstration to Google employees

### Full-Stack Developer Intern at [Reputationaire](#), June 2019 – Sept. 2019 — React.js, JavaScript

- Added UI features to Reputationaire's web service using Agile methodology
- Fixed many bugs and cleaned up code on a large codebase

## PROJECTS

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### UC Berkeley CS 61A Hog Contest Winner, July 2020 — Python, XGBoost, Pandas

- Placed top 3 in a ~700 student class in contest to design best algorithm for dice-rolling game
- Used tree recursive strategy with supervised machine learning classification using XGBoost

### Creator of [Geographist](#), on iOS App Store since Aug. 2019 — React Native, Redux, JavaScript

- Allows users to explore random cities on a map, and see information about the cities using information from various APIs and test knowledge by guessing city locations

### Creator of [Quiz Watch](#), on iOS App Store since Mar. 2019 — React Native, Redux, JavaScript

- Over 1,000,000 trivia questions have been answered by thousands of users across the world
- Trivia app that reveals questions word by word to users until they buzz in and answer
- Implemented algorithm to evaluate the accuracy of answers by using the Wikipedia API
- Configured algorithm to parse inconsistent answer formats written for humans

### Game Show Question-Solving Bot, built Apr. 2018 — Node.js, WebSocket, TypeScript

- Solved answers for a live trivia game show app and automatically messaged myself answers
- Connected to the game's WebSocket stream to instantly access questions
- Solved questions using algorithm including Google Custom Search API and Wikipedia API

**Other projects:** 2 other iOS apps and 20+ more programming projects (see personal website)

## CERTIFICATIONS

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### [Deep Reinforcement Learning Nanodegree](#), 7/2/2020, Udacity — Q-learning, DQN, DDPG, etc.

- Intensive curriculum (4 months worth) covering value-based and policy-based deep RL
- Built 3 projects using DQN and DDPG algorithms to train high-performing agents

### [Responsive Web Design Certification](#), 6/1/2020, freeCodeCamp — HTML, CSS, JavaScript

Completed 5 web page projects to practice web development skills; represents 300 hours coursework

### [JavaScript Algorithms and Data Structures Certification](#), 9/27/18, freeCodeCamp — JavaScript

Honed problem solving skills by completing algorithm challenges; represents 300 hours coursework

### [Agile Development Course Certificate](#), 7/12/17, UC Berkeley on edX — Ruby on Rails

Gained experience in back-end development, test driven development, and the Agile methodology