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EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Expected May 2023 Bachelor of Science, Statistics and Computer Science GPA: 3.9/4.0

EXPERIENCE

Futurist Academy Software Developer Intern

July 2020 - September 2020

Responsible for designing impactful projects that utilize TigerGraph's graph database and presenting the finished projects to a group of businesses ranging from startups to Fortune 500 companies.

MedSearch:

- Created a similarity search algorithm called MedSearch that takes in the abstract of any COVID-19 research paper and outputs other similar COVID-19 research papers to advance coronavirus research.
- Extracted keywords from over 125,000 COVID-19 research papers using Natural Language Processing and stored each paper's ID and keywords in TigerGraph (stored over 350,000 nodes & 1,000,000 edges).
- Wrote GSQL queries that found the most similar COVID-19 research papers using the NLP-extracted keywords, userinputted abstract, and Jaccard similarity index.
- Built and used a RESTful API for MedSearch's backend to safely interact with TigerGraph and enhance overall security.

Patient Dashboard:

- Developed a personalized patient dashboard that gives doctors and researchers an in-depth analysis of synthetic patient data through informative visualizations and statistics.
- Obtained Synthea-generated patient data and computed patient statistics by writing multiple GSQL queries in TigerGraph and programmed the patient dashboard and data visualizations using Dash and Plotly in Python.

STEM Builders Computer Science and Robotics Teacher

September 2018 - Present

- Taught programming languages (Python, Java, HTML/CSS, MIT App Inventor, Scratch) and robotics to K-8 students.
- Created custom learning curricula and designed/planned final projects that assessed the students' problem solving skills while incorporating their interests and curiosities.

PROJECTS

Real-Time Editing Calculator Kotlin, Javalin, JavaScript, HTML/CSS, WebSockets, APIs

August 2020

- Constructed an interactive web-based calculator that allows real-time collaboration between users.
- Utilized Kotlin to design a server with unique IDs for each room and data structures that store each room's collaborators and their previous calculations.
- Developed a JavaScript client to communicate with the server, implemented WebSockets to handle the constant influx of data, and interacted with a RESTful API to compute equations inputted by the user.

AI Tumor Scanner Python, TensorFlow/Keras, Streamlit, Neural Network

July 2020

- Collaborated with a team of three other developers to create a Convolutional Neural Network capable of identifying tumors from brain MRI scans.
- Built the neural network with TensorFlow/Keras and used data augmentation to train it with over 7,000 images.
- Tested and modified the neural network to obtain a final average accuracy of 95%.

Gibberish Generator Java, Trie Data Structure, Conditional Probability

May 2020

- Programmed an algorithm in Java that generates random English-like words using a model and optimized data structures.
- Trained the model with over 80,000 English words to produce accurate/pronounceable outputs and designed a Trie data structure for efficiency.

Image Filtering System Python, Machine Learning, PPM Image Formatting

March 2020

- Implemented a Python program that uses unsupervised machine learning to filter/reduce an image down to however many core colors its users select.
- Applied PPM raster image formatting and constructed a k-means clustering algorithm to find the dominant colors of an inputted image and filter/reduce the image based on those colors.

SKILLS

Languages: Python, Java, HTML/CSS, JavaScript, Kotlin, GSQL

Frameworks/Technologies: ReactJS, Flask, Streamlit, Dash, Javalin, Git, TigerGraph, VSCode, PyCharm, IntelliJ