Charles Shi

EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Bachelor of Science, Statistics and Computer Science

Expected May 2023

GPA: 3.9/4.0

EXPERIENCE

Futurist Academy — Software Developer Intern

July 2020 - September 2020

- Created a similarity search algorithm called MedSearch that takes in the abstract of any research paper and outputs similar COVID-19 research papers to advance COVID-19 research.
 - Utilized Natural Language Processing for extracting keywords from over 125,000 COVID-19 research papers.
 - \circ Stored each paper's ID and keywords in a TigerGraph graph database (stored over 350,000 nodes & 1,000,000 edges).
 - Wrote GSQL queries that found the most similar COVID-19 research papers using the Jaccard similarity index.
 - o Built and used a RESTful API for MedSearch's backend to safely interact with TigerGraph and enhance overall security.
- 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.
 - 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.
- Successfully mentored more than 75 students and gained leadership experience after adapting to unforeseen circumstances.
- Designed/planned final projects that assessed the students' problem solving skills while incorporating their interests.

PROJECTS

CalcShare — JavaScript, HTML/CSS, Kotlin, Javalin, WebSockets, APIs

August 2020

- $\bullet \ \ {\it Constructed an interactive web-based calculator\ that\ allows\ real-time\ collaboration\ between\ users.}$
- Utilized Kotlin to design a server with unique IDs for each room and data structures that store each room's collaborators and their previous and current 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.

Tumor Scanner — Python, OS Module, 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 more than 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 models and optimized data structures.
- Trained the models 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