# Brandon Pokorny

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## **EDUCATION**

## UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

#### **BS IN LINGUISTICS**

Minor in Computer Science Expected Graduation May 2021

## JAMES B CONANT HIGH SCHOOL

May 2017 | Hoffman Estates, IL GPA: 3.8/4.0

## SKILLS

#### **PROGRAMMING**

#### Familiar:

- Python | Several class and personal projects
- •C | Several class projects
- •C++ | Several class projects
- Java | Several class projects
- •Bash | Ample opportunity to use in classwork
- •Linux | Use for class
- •Git | Use for class
- Microsoft Excel

Exposed to:

- •C#
- Windows
- Javascript
- Arduino
- JSON

## HUMAN LANGUAGES

#### Spanish

- Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy
- •Limited Working Proficiency + (ILR Scale)

#### French

- Limited Working Proficiency + (ILR Scale)
- Studied for eight years

#### Korean

Studied 2 years

## **RELEVANT COURSES**

## DIGITAL SIGNAL PROCESSING

Spring 2021

- Familiarized myself with current speech and audio processing algorithms and techniques
- Analyzed and modified WAV files using Python to gain insight into audio processing
- Implemented a simple spectrogram and a speech endpoint detection script

#### MACHINE TRANSLATION

Fall 2020

- Explored numerous, existing research papers to reproduce and train a state of the art machine translation system
- Solidified my understanding of deep learning architectures and various techniques to improve deep learning systems' performance
- Implemented a language model with a recurrent network using PyTorch

#### SYSTEMS PROGRAMMING

Fall 2020

- Implemented basic systems using procedural programming
- Developed debugging skills over hours of thorough testing and fixing of implemented systems

#### INTRODUCTORY MACHINE LEARNING

Spring 2020

- Gained a better grasp of the advantages of various machine learning models and preprocessing data by using the models and tools offered by scikit-learn
- Created and tuned a Sentiment Analyzer with Keras from TensorFlow and Kerastuner

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### **UNIVERSITY HOUSING** | DINING SERVICES

March 2018 - Present | Urbana, IL

- Completed tasks to customers' various specifications with excellent attention to detail and minimal supervision
- Cooperated with coworkers as a team to ensure a seamless availability of food and other services

## ILLINOIS ROBOTICS IN SPACE | AUTONOMOUS TEAM MEMBER

August 2017 - May 2020 | Urbana-Champaign, IL

- Collaborated with teammates to create an interface with which to control the robots' motors
- Facilitates tutorial training of new members from many different levels of skill in their backgrounds
- Created and modified TCP servers in Python for two robots to communicate between each other