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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 personal projects
- C | Personal Study
- Java | Several class projects
- Bash | Ample opportunity to use in classwork
- Linux | Use for class
- Git | Use for class
- C# | Personal project
- Microsoft Excel

Exposed to:

- Windows
- Javascript
- Arduino
- HTML and CSS
- 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

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Fall 2019

- Implemented a Naive-Bayes Algorithm in python to determine if an input movie review was positive or negative based on the words used
- Created and trained a neural net using PyTorch library in Python to identify the contents of input images
- Created and tweaked a reinforcement learning agent with PyTorch to perform well in a basic environment offered by the Gym python package

COMPUTATIONAL LINGUISTICS

Spring 2020

- Created a simple temporal named entity recognizer
- Analyzed the performance of pos-tagger models and the contributions of each feature fed to them after designing them with scikit-learn classifiers
- Implemented word and character bigrams to identify the language of an input sentence
- Performed simple text processing using the NLTK python package and its various offered corpora

DATA STRUCTURES

Spring 2019

- Implemented various data structures like graphs, b-trees, and hash maps with C++ to gain a new understanding of how they perform under the surface

INTRODUCTORY MACHINE LEARNING

Spring 2020

- Gained a better grasp of the advantages of various 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
- 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 - Present | Urbana-Champaign, IL

- Created and modified TCP servers in Python and C++ for two robots to communicate between each other
- Collaborated with teammates to create an interface with which to control the robots' motors