# Daniel Van Der Maden

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# **EDUCATION**

#### University of California, Berkeley

Berkeley, CA

B.A. Computer Science - GPA: 3.68/4.00

December 2019 (Expected)

- o Areas of academic interest: Human-Computer Interaction, Natural Language Processing, and Artificial Intelligence.
- o Relevant coursework: Database Systems (IP), UI/UX Design (IP), Computer Security (IP), Efficient Algorithms, Intro to Artificial Intelligence, Natural Language Processing, Intro to Linguistics, Machine Structures, Data Structures, Structure & Interpretation of Programs, Designing Information Devices, Discrete Math & Probability Theory, Linear Algebra & Differential Equations.

#### **EXPERIENCE**

Microsemi Aliso Viejo, CA

Software Engineering Intern – Frequency and Timing Division

May 2018 - August 2018

- o Gained practical industry experience by developing embedded programs for a modernized eLoran (radio navigation and data) system.
- Prepared the project for live tests by implementing multiple signal schemes and interfacing them with a custom transmission timer.
  Improved the custom transmission timers by extending the API to allow for more versatility in the signal scheme implementation.
- Shortened scheme implementation time by creating data collection and development tools as well as writing thorough documentation.

#### **EECS** Department, UC Berkeley

Berkeley, CA

Tutor - Self-Paced Center

January 2019 - May 2019

- o Improved student understanding by holding office hours for students learning C, C++, Java, and Python.
- o Graded projects and gave feedback that encouraged industry-ready practices. Also graded quizzes and final exams.

Academic Intern – Structure and Interpretation of Computer Programs Course

August 2018 - December 2018

- o Fostered interest in Computer Science fundamentals by providing guidance on homeworks and projects during office hours.
- o Assisted course staff during lab sessions by conducting lab checkoffs and answering questions regarding course content.

# Computer Science Mentors, UC Berkeley

Berkeley, CA

Mentor – Designing Information Devices and Systems I Course

January 2019 – May 2019

- Helped students solidify core EECS concepts by leading a supplemental 1.5 hour discussion section each week.
- o Mentored a cohort of students throughout the semester and helped develop supplemental worksheets and lesson plans.

#### J-Sei Community Center

Emeryville, CA

Technology Consultant for Seniors

September 2017 – December 2017

o Effectively communicated with the elderly a verity of tech safety topics such as internet privacy and malware protection.

# **NOTABLE PROJECTS**

A detailed list (with repo links) can be found on my personal website

#### Easy Seq2Seq Chatbot – Personal Project

**%** Link to repo

- A chatbot that is implemented using a sequence to sequence model with an easy way to define training and model parameters.
- o It features a caching system, saving and loading models, interrupt recovery, memory efficient training, and multiple data filters.

# Approximate Solver for a NP-Hard Problem – Efficient Algorithms Course Project

S Link to repo

- A polynomial time approximate solver that uses a greedy algorithm with various heuristics (each is considered, best is chosen).
- $\circ$  Yielded solutions that were in the top 10% of all approximations in the course (which had  $\approx$  700 students).

**Coreference Annotator** – Natural Language Processing Course Project

**%** Link to repo

 $\circ$  Annotates the antecedent for each pronoun in a given dataset using a logistic regression model. Achieved 71% accuracy on test data.

Personal Website - Personal Project

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o A website that is created using Bootstrap and some JavaScript with jQuary to handle the styling and interactive components.

Concurrent Cached File Server – Machine Structures Course Project

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o A file server (written in Golang) with a cache that can efficiently handle thousands of concurrent file requests (on a laptop).

**61Ccc Compiler (to RISC-V)** – Machine Structures Course Project

S Link to repo upon request

o Compiles code that is written in the 61Ccc language (a made-up subset of C) into universally compatible RISC-V assembly.

### **SKILLS**

**Programming Languages:** Python, Java, C++, C, Golang, Scheme, RISC-V/x86, SQL, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, LaTeX **Technologies:** Scipy/Numpy/Pandas, NLTK, Keras, Scikit-learn, Hadoop, OpenMP, Intel AVX, Bootstrap, MySQL, AWS EC2 **Spoken Languages:** Native English speaker, fluent in French, basic understanding of Vietnamese.