# HELEN GEZAHEGN

# STUDENT && PROGRAMMER



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# **EDUCATION**

#### UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

#### **Computer Science, BSc**

• Currently taking a machine learning course.

SEPT 2015 - DEC 2020 EDMONTON, ALBERTA

# SKILLS & AWARDS

- Proficient in Python, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, React.js, Agile; Familiar with C, Java, SQL, Ember, Flask, Android Studio, LaTeX
- Received scholarships to attend GHC-19, AAAI-19, NeurIPS-18, AfroTech-18, GHC-18, AAAI-18, CAN-CWIC-17.
- Jason Lang Academic Scholarship & Mentorship Honorarium from the Department of Computing Science.

#### EXPERIENCE

#### INTUIT

#### **Software Developer Co-Op (Full Stack)**

- Fully integrated & debugged an installment payment feature reaching 200K+ customers in QuickBooks Online (QBO) Backend using Java.
- Wrote & debugged 250+ unit/integration tests, identifying longstanding UI & localization bugs using Jest, Enzyme, Sinon, Mockito, & Chai.
- Entirely developed an analytics system that tracks user workflows & retention rates in QBO's Sales Tax Center (CA) & Invoice Customization (Global) using Amplitude & JavaScript. Currently tracking 150K+ customers & system.

#### XIOT

#### **Volunteer Web Developer Intern**

- Built web interfaces with HTML/CSS to send HTTP requests to test the efficiency, response/latency, & accuracy of data being sent to their IoT hardware, the xChip.
- Experimented with curl, JavaScript (XHR & fetch), Node.js, & Python to determine best performance for sending HTTP requests.

# A14GOOD

#### Lab Intern

- Learned & applied fundamental concepts in machine learning & prototype development from Doina Precup & other experts in the field.
- Started a dataset of Braille characters with a current size of almost 27K.
- Used Python, pandas, numpy, & pytorch to train a model that recognizes Braille characters with 97% accuracy.
- Experimented with tensorflow, ONNX, and caffe2 to convert the model to be integrated in an Android Studio app.

#### **FACULTY OF SCIENCE SUMMER CAMPS**

# **Computer Science Educator**

- Used a game-oriented approach to create lesson plans & lead various computer science & robotic camps for 150+ students.
- Responsible for leading the all-girls & teen computing camp for kids with autism.

#### HACKATHONS

#### HACK THE NORTH

#### Mouseless (Devpost - bit.ly/2m9mTGI)

• Used the Leap Motion Controller to recognize gestures from users to browse the web.

# AI FOR SOCIAL GOOD

#### AEyeAlliance (Devpost - 2nd Place - bit.ly/2m8KoiL)

• Created a Braille-to-text translator using image recognition; used the MNIST dataset.

#### **EQUITHON**

#### HateAway (Devpost - https://bit.ly/2ot661V)

• Filters twitter feed to hide hate speech tweets using a CNN model and Python.

MAY 2017 WATERLOO, ONTARIO

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MONTREAL, QUEBEC

**SEPT 2018** 

**MAY 2018** 

# VOLUNTEERING (ASK ME!)

• Mentored for Technovation Challenge, Canada's Learning Code, Let's Talk Science, WISEST Edmonton, & Ada's Team.

MAY 2019 - MAY 2020 EDMONTON, ALBERTA

JUL 2018 - AUG 2018 CAIRO, EGYPT

MAY 2018 - JUNE 2018 MONTREAL, QUEBEC

MAY 2017 - AUG 2017 EDMONTON, ALBERTA