# Jack Dunn

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## Key Skills

### Decision Making and Judgement

* Exceptional problem solving skills through experience with modelling and programming tasks.
* High level of strategic thinking developed as a result of involvement in wargaming hobby.

### Mathematical Ability

* Excellent grades in mathematics, modelling and operations research papers.
* Outstanding Scholarships in Calculus and Statistics & Modelling (top 0.3% of NZ students).

### Technical Experience

* Successes experienced developing software at a commercial level for Google and Derceto.
* Skilled with a variety of languages (C++, Python, JavaScript, GAMS, AMPL, Matlab).
* Very fast to pick up new skills and languages and implement them effectively.

### Teamwork

* Seamless integration into teams at Google and Derceto.
* Excellent marks received for all group projects within Engineering Science degree.

### Communication

* Working successfully as a private tutor with many individual students (including ESOL students) requiring clarity and depth while explaining concepts.
* Joint Winner of ORSNZ Young Practitioner’s Prize, judged on quality of paper submission and presentation at conference.

## Education

### Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2014–2018 expected)

*Ph.D. in Operations Research* – Beginning in September 2014

Honours and awards:

* 2014–15: William Asbjornsen Albert Memorial Fellowship

### University of Auckland (2010–2013)

*Bachelor of Engineering in Engineering Science (First Class Honours)* - GPA of 9.000 (A+ in every paper taken)

Honours and awards:

* 2013: Senior Scholar Award, Engineering Science — Top of graduating Engineering class
* 2013: Operations Research Society of NZ Young Practitioner’s Prize — Joint First Undergraduate
* 2011–13: First in Paper Awards - Achieved highest score in 19 out of 23 papers taken
* 2010–13: Dean’s Honours List - Top 5% of Engineering cohort
* 2011: Statistics New Zealand Undergraduate Prize for Excellence in Statistics
* 2011: Department of Statistics – Certificate of Distinction in Theoretical Statistics
* 2010: Faculty of Engineering Undergraduate Scholarship
* 2010: Faculty of Engineering Kick-Start Scholarship

Awards not accepted:

* 2013: Stanford Graduate Fellowship (2014–17)
* 2013: UC Berkeley Fellowship for Graduate Study (2014–18)
* 2013: Georgia Institute of Technology William S. Green Fellowship (2014–18)
* 2013: Fulbright Science and Innovation Graduate Award

### Wellington College (2006–2009)

*NCEA Levels 1, 2, and 3 achieved with Excellence*

New Zealand Scholarship (2009):

* NZQA Premier Award (awarded to top 8 students in New Zealand)
* Outstanding Scholarship (top 0.3% in New Zealand) in Chemistry, Calculus, History, Statistics and Physics

## Work Experience

### Google — Software Engineering Intern, Related Entities (2013–2014)

Improved the quality of the Related Entities recommendation service within the Knowledge Graph:

* Design of a system for collecting evaluation data from a pool of distributed workers (crowd-sourced human input).
* Creation of a mixed-integer optimization approach for improving the service using the collected data.

### Google — Software Engineering Intern, Network Software (2012–2013)

Development of an extensible network visualisation tool for use by Network Operations personnel:

* Complex aggregation of data regarding the Google network and presentation of data to users.
* Construction of layout algorithms for displaying network topologies on-screen.

### Derceto — Optimisation Assistant (2011–2012)

Assisted staff in Operations Team with delivering Derceto Aquadapt optimisation software to clients.

Notable projects:

* Developed simulation of a water distribution network in Matlab to test the effects of proposed changes to the system’s control scheme.
* Developed database query tool to be integrated within Excel (using VBA and Firebird ODBC) to aid clients in data analysis.
* Responsibility for upgrade and deployment of company-wide intranet.

## Teaching Experience

### University of Auckland — Teaching Assistant (2013–14)

* Provide support to academic staff within the Department of Engineering Science.

### See the Solutions — Tutor (2013–14)

* Provide pre-recorded video tuition to students via [SeeTheSolutions.net](www.seethesolutions.net).

### Private Tuition (2008–14)

* Responsibility for planning and implementing a tuition programme for individual students within the community, primarily in Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics.
* Testimonials available at <www.jackdunn.org>.

### Flying Note — English Tutor (2012–13)

* Delivered online English tuition to students in South Korea, providing assistance to the students by assisting with their writing, and demonstrating correct English speech in presentations.

### University of Auckland — Part I Assistance Mentor (2011–12)

* Provided academic support for first year engineering students through individual tutoring.

## Research Experience

### University of Auckland — Research Assistant (2014)

* Continuation of Honours research regarding pricing problems in mixed-integer programs.

### University of Auckland — Honours Thesis, Engineering Science (2013)

*Binary Interruptible Load Optimisation (for Transpower NZ)*:

* Tasked with resolving an issue with generation reserve procurement in the New Zealand electricity network.
* Conducted in-depth analysis of duality in mixed-integer programming for pricing purposes.
* Joint winner of the ORSNZ Undergraduate Young Practitioner’s Prize, 2013.
* Open source implementation of algorithm used in pricing process available on [Github](https://github.com/jackdunnnz/knapsack-polytope-cutter).
* Publications available:
  + [Thesis, 2013](http://www.epoc.org.nz/theses.html)
  + [ORSNZ Conference Proceedings, 2013](https://secure.orsnz.org.nz/conf47/program/Papers/nzsaorsnz2013_submission_104.pdf)

## Community Involvement

### Wellington Warlords Wargaming Club (2000-14)

Voluntary Services:

* Developed a national rankings system for the international wargaming community running on Google App Engine. Currently operating in five countries (NZ, Australia, UK, USA and Canada).
* Responsible for organising and running tournaments.
* Administration of both web forums and club websites.
* Writing for a gaming blog that attracts around 1000 visitors per day.

Achievements:

* Overall Champion at New Zealand Masters Invitational, Warhammer 40k (2011).
* National Champion, Warhammer 40k (2007).
* Top three finishes at the New Zealand Masters Invitational in 2008 and 2009.
* Top three finishes in both 2009 and both 2010 New Zealand Grand Tournaments.
* Participant in invitation-only tournament in Australia (2006–08).
* Numerous awards for sportsmanship and for painting ability.

### Google Student Ambassador (2013)

* Plan and host events on behalf of Google on campus at the University of Auckland.
* Promote Google products on campus, and act as a contact at the University for Google teams.

### University of Auckland — Operations Research Students Association (2011)

* Member of the Executive Committee.
* Responsible for maintaining the Association’s website and for all communication between the Executive Committee and the Part II students, including organisation of events for these students.