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EDUCATION

B.S. Computer Science

The University of Texas at Arlington

June 2020 – Present

GPA 3.7/4.0; graduate Aug 2022

A.A.S. in Mathematics

Navarro College

Sept 2014 – May 2018

GPA 3.9/4.0; Dual-credit program; 85 hours taken

EMPLOYMENT

Student Research Assistant

ITLab

June 2021 – Present

Arlington TX

- Collaborated with research group to evolve and test a flask-based statistical visualization tool CoWiz
- Currently developing a full stack web server MLN-Dashboard using Next-React-GraphQL stack

Student Research Assistant

UTA Social Work

June 2021 – Present

Arlington TX

- Maintain and enhance multi-platform (iOS and Android) data collecting application MyAmble using flutter and firebase and web administrator interface

Crew Trainer

McDonald's

May 2016 – Mar 2020

Midlothian TX

- Led safety committee and addressed employees during 30-minute monthly safety meetings
- Trained employees on-the-job and formally
- In addition to 4 years of formal education, actively used Spanish on-the-job

PROJECTS

Computatrum

Feb 2019 – Present

- Active project to develop teachable yet autonomous open-ended computer interaction agents
- Github: Limboid/computatrum, Limboid/computer-env, and Limboid/ainimal-zookeeper

Jnumpy

Oct – Nov 2021

- Another autograd/deep learning/RL library
- Github: JacobFV/jumpy

CERTIFICATIONS

Google TensorFlow Developer Certification

Google Developers

April 2021

DeepLearning.AI TensorFlow Developer

Coursera

Oct 2020

DeepLearning Specialization by DeepLearning.AI

Coursera

Sept 2020

AWS Certified Developer – Associate

AWS

Mar 2019

AWS Certified SysOps Administrator – Associate

AWS

Mar 2019

AWS Certified Solutions Architect – Associate

AWS

Feb 2019

20Q

📅 June – Aug 2021

- Android app developer in a 4-person group
- Github: [JacobFV/20Questions](#)

multigraph-nn

📅 May 2021

- Architected and developed library of dynamic time GNN abstractions on top of tensorflow and keras
- Github: [JacobFV/multigraph-nn](#)

DesparadosAEye

📅 Jan – May 2021

- Project manager, general app developer, and ML engineer for a 5-person group developing open-ended Android chatbot
- Github: [kmosoti/DesparadosAEYE](#)

Stanford Open Datathon Group Project

📅 April 2021

- Worked as data scientist in a 5-student international group analyzing sentiment and semantics of the COVID19 pandemic
- Personal contributions: https://jacobfv.github.io/projects/2021_SODP

Home Internet Factory

📅 April 2020

- Internet connected prototyping machine hub
- Raspberry Pi 4 served as gateway to tabletop CNC router, 3D printer, two cameras, and 3.3V logic I/O auxiliary interfaces
- Blog post: <https://medium.com/@jacobfv123/industrialautomation-home-bba924a3b2f0>

Workplace Surveillance System

📅 July 2019

- Employee phone detection computer vision system
- Client-side neural network programmed with tensorflow.js
- Demonstration to employer succeeded identifying employees on their phone, but employer not willing to pay to use
- Github: [JacobFV/Workplace-Surveillance-System](#)

Big Blender Farm

📅 July 2018 – April 2019

- Blender render farm web application; full stack
- Although never completed, became more familiar with Blender python scripting, general animation workflow, web application development, and the internet
- Planned extensively how to use Amazon Web Services (AWS) WAF, API-Endpoints, Lambda, static S3 buckets, CloudFront, and DynamoDB to deliver content and application on a completely serverless architecture

SQT-English-to-Spanish-Translator

📅 Oct – Nov 2016

- Flexible Spanish – English translation system
 - Programmed in C# with Visual Studio
 - Formalized many more aspects of English – Spanish translation
 - Github: [JacobFV/SQT-English-to-Spanish-Translator](#)
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Sale Translator

 Oct – Nov 2015

- Basic Spanish – English translation system
 - Programmed in C# with Visual Studio
 - Implements formal language parsing and production system
 - Github: [JacobFV/Sale](#)
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Cookie Cutter CNC

 Mar – May 2015

- 36"×36" sheet metal cutter with server and client control systems
- Full stack engineering project. Designed and developed C# .svg parser, toolpath scheduler, and optimizer, Arduino C controller with serial protocol and electronics, and CNC machine with electrodischarge machining head.
- Blog post:
<https://jacobfv123.medium.com/cookie-cutter-cnc-923c68932ee6>