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#### **Education** University of California Berkeley

B.S. Electrical Engineering Computer Science

expected graduation May 2017

UC GPA: 3.95

#### Experience

#### **Director – Cal Hacks**

Jan 2014 - Present

- · Responsible for sponsorship and partnerships in planning for the largest hackathon ever hosted.
- · Managed event with 1500+ attendees and dozens of sponsors, spanning 5 floors of California Memorial Stadium - Handled sponsor UX, directed volunteers, and performed crisis management.

#### Officer – Hackers @ Berkeley

Oct 2013 – Present

· Took over responsibility for entire club in Aug 2014. Run meetings, oversee events and plan future for largest computer science organization on campus. H@B runs approx. 2 technical workshops a week, with hundreds of attendees each. Also host hackathons, talks, and social events.

### Officer – Startup @ Berkeley

Sept 2013 - Jan 2014

· Hosted entrepreneurship week with over a dozen speakers and hundreds of attendees.

#### **Job History**

#### Lab Developer - UC Berkeley

Sept 2014 - Present

· Worked closely with professors and graduate students to design 3 week lab curriculum for new EE16a course.

### Campus Ambassador - Sequoia Capital

Aug 2014 - Present

- Inform Sequoia of current entrepreneurship trends and promising startups.
- · Act as point of contact for Berkeley area students and startups interested in Sequoia Capital.

#### SDET Intern – Nutanix

May 2014 - Aug 2014

- · Designed expansion of testing framework for PRISM UI to handle longer and more complex test cases.
- · Worked with Python, Javascript, Selenium, and CSS.

#### Shoutcaster - National ESL

Aug 2013-Sept 2013

· Performed live commentary, interviewing, and administration for weekly online broadcast.

## Projects

#### Cal Alert – BearHack Fall 2013 (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)

- · Software alerted user's phones of warnings provided by sensors or RSS feeds. User was able to specify everything from kind of warning (alarm or text message) to which kind of information should lead to an alert being sent and what level of alarm that information should lead to.
- Sensors were built using Electric Imp and a 3d printer, client was implemented as an android app, and server was designed using a combination of Flask, Twilio, and SQLAlchemy.

### Pincy's - LAUNCH Hackathon Spring 2014 (\$5000 Macy's API Prize)

- Chrome extension that allowed users browsing Pinterest to find similar items at Macy's without switching websites. Allowed for browsing of multiple items and easy purchasing.
- Created using Flask, jQuery, and Javascript.

#### YOTHEWORLD – Yo Hackathon Summer 2014 (People's Choice Award)

- · Used Yo to create the world's simplest charity campaign. Allowed people to contribute to medical treatment in developing countries simply by sending a Yo to YOTHEWORLD.
- · Received coverage in Business Insider and The Guardian.
- · Succeeded in donating \$2500 to Watsi, and became featured app at next Yo hackathon held in NY.
- · Created using Flask, Bootstrap, HTML/CSS, but mostly a lot of hustle.

#### **Gendrratio – Personal Project**

- · Web app that allows users to explore and visualize their Facebook event history using the only data FB makes globally available: gender.
- Created using d3.js, Facebook API, jQuery, and HTML/CSS.

### Relevant • Courses

- Data Structures and Adv. Programming
- **Machine Structures**
- Signals and Systems

- Linear Algebra
- Discrete Math and Probability Theory
- Efficient Algorithms and Intractable Problems