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EDUCATION

UC Berkeley

Class of 2018, GPA: 3.8

Major: Electrial Engineering and Computer Science (EECS)

TECHNOLOGIES

Django, Flask, Postgres, d3.js, jQuery, node.js, AWS

Languages: Python, Javascript, HTML, CSS, SQL, C, Java

ORGANIZATIONS

– **Cal Hacks: Founding Team, Executive Director.** Helped run the world's largest hackathon. Spr 2014- Spr 2015.

– **Hackers@Berkeley: Executive Officer.** Ran one of Berkeley's largest EECS student groups. Fa 2013 - Fa 2014.

– **Sequoia Capital, Campus Ambassador.** Act as eyes and ears, provide both references and deal flow. Fa 2014 - Present.

– **Officer, Startup @ Berkeley** Helped run Berkeley Entrepreneurship Week speaker series. Fa 2013.

– **Berke1337, Member**. Competed in defensive security competitions. Responsible for server and web security. Fa 2014- Spr 2015.

EXPERIENCE

Instant eSports (YC S15) Jan 2015 - Aug 2016

Co-Founder

– Startup building news, scores, and stats for competitive gaming. Raised $2M in seed funding from KPCB, Riot, and Greylock.

– Designed microservice-based architecture deployed over 20+ AWS instances.

– Wrote: cross server messaging framework using Amazon SQS; OCR live video processor; and crawler used to parse millions of game records; and more.

University of California, Berkeley Sept 2014 - May2015

Lab Developer

– Planed curriculum and ensured learning goals were met for three-week lab for EE16A (Designing Information Devices and Systems).

Nutanix Su 2014

Software Development Engineer in Test Intern

– Expanded testing framework to handle longer and more complex test cases .

– Trained other interns in industry practices and PRISM testing framework.

– Manipulated PRISM client using Selenium, Python, CSS, and Jav.ascript.

National ESL Su 2013

Shoutcaster

– Worked as a sports commentator for weekly competitive gaming broadcast.

– Performed live commentary, post-game analysis, interviewed players, and connected with fans.

HACKATHONS & AWARDS

– **FreeVentures, People's Choice and Judges Choice**: Won for Instant eSports.

– **2nd Place, National Cyber Security Defense Competition**: Competitive simulation of system and network defense against real live adversaries.

– **People's Choice Award, Yo Hackathon**: Donated $2500 to Watsi by creating simplest charity campaign ever; press coverage in Business Insider and The Guardian.

– **2nd Place, Bear Hack:** Created web-connected sensor network to remotely detect hazards. System included hardware sensors and configurable alarm notifications.

– **Macy's API Prize, LAUNCH Hackathon**: Built virtual Macy's shopping assistant for Pinterest website.