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ABOUT ME

I studied Bio, EE, and AI to see neurons from all three perspectives. My work in deep learning, medical devices, and VR gave me experience bringing research into reality. As a self taught programmer, I now focus on Natural Language Processing applied towards Information Retrieval.

EDUCATION

M.S. BIOMEDICAL ENG.

USC | VITERBI

August 2017 | Los Angeles, CA

Focus: Electrophysiology,
Medical Device Regulations,
& Agile Software Development

B.S. BIOMEDICAL ENG.

USC | Viterbi

May 2016 | Los Angeles, CA

Focus: Medical Devices
& Physiological Modeling

TOOLS

PYTHON

PyTorch | FastAI
TensorFlow | Keras
TensorBoard
Numpy
SpaCy
Faiss
REST | Requests

SOFTWARE

Linux | Ubuntu | CentOS
Amazon Web Services
Docker
MATLAB
LabVIEW
SolidWorks

ONLINE

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EXPERIENCE

INFORMATION SCIENCES INSTITUTE | RESEARCH PROGRAMMER

May 2018 – Present | Marina del Rey, CA

- Improved our existing Neural Machine Translation system's performance to be competitive with or better than Google Translate across several languages
- Integrated algorithms from several academic papers focusing on Transformers, a novel deep learning architecture, into ISI's in-house training library
- Competed in **SARAL**, a multi-institution challenge with researchers across the country to make a functional, cross-lingual information retrieval system within a 10-day period
- Developed an automated ingestion pipeline to pull over 100,000 news articles per day from LexisNexis for ISI's geopolitical forecasting platform, **SAGE**
- Leveraged embeddings to create a search engine that focused on encapsulating the connection between words within a query and sentences within a document
- Served SAGE's research tool as a Restful API on AWS

RECALL VR | CREATOR AND TEAM LEAD

Aug 2015 – May 2016 | USC GamePipe Lab

- Developed an experimental, Virtual Reality tool designed to leverage a student's natural spatial awareness to increase memory retention
- Led 16+ students with skill sets ranging from architecture and animation to computer science and business under an Agile development framework
- Won 1st place at the 2016 Viterbi Senior Design Expo

HEMODIALYSIS CATHETER | FINAL PROJECT

May 2015 – Aug 2015 | USC MPTX 513

- Worked in a team of four to create a complete 510(k), simulating the process of obtaining FDA clearance to market
- Designed a Class II, implantable hemodialysis catheter that was substantially equivalent to two predicate devices in terms of fabrication, materials, and labeled use, while novel with its blood flow separating tip
- Modeled the implanted device in SolidWorks to render blood flow simulations
- Familiar with the continuous product life cycle of medical devices in compliance with ISO and CFR guidelines

SYNTOUCH | ROBOTICS INTERN

Feb 2014 – Nov 2014 | Los Angeles, CA

- Fabricated a robotic test fixture to explore alternative applications of SynTouch's new tactile sensor, the NumaTac
- Documented the design process from the Bill of Materials to assembly
- Reported weekly progress at the Medical Device Development & Fabrication Lab at USC under the direction of Dr. Gerald E. Loeb