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Education

University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Expected Graduation: May 2021
GPA 3.02

Austin Community College, Austin, TX
Associate's of Science in Computer Science

Fall 2016- Spring 2018
GPA 3.73

Experience

Twitter, Software Engineering Intern

(June 2020 – August 2020)

- Leading a multiservice backend product done in Scala that revolved around adding a new way to ask all valid new users and existing users to turn on their precise location setting to serve more relevant content to them on Twitter.
- Contributing 3300 lines of Scala code, writing an experiment doc, creating new metrics for user opt in/out analysis, and shipping this new product as an experiment.

Twitter, Software Engineering Intern

(May 2019 – August 2019)

- Adding a new page during the signup flow on Twitter via the backend in Scala, for all users outside of Europe and shipping it with an experiment for metric analysis of performance of the new page.
- Adding a new home timeline prompt that is used by users to set their preferred languages that will better serve tweets based on those languages.
- Migrating backend legacy code to new internal services.

Skills

Proficient: Scala, Kotlin, Java

Familiar: JavaScript, C, C++, Python, Swift

Languages: Bilingual (English and Spanish), First year proficiency in Japanese.

Projects

- **HACS Website:** Contributing to the creation of the website for the Hispanic Association of Computer Scientist's group at the University of Texas. **(Spring 2019)**
- **Personal Website:** Self teaching and developing a personal website using HTML5, CSS3, and JavaScript that is hosted by [GitHub Pages](#). **(Fall 2018)**

Honors

Microsoft Conference Scholarship Award

(Fall 2019)

- Being selected by the Microsoft Scholarship Committee to receive the Scholarship award to attend the Tapia conference that celebrates diversity in Computing.

Externally Transferred into The University of Texas

(Spring 2018)

- Successfully transferred into UT's competitive computer science program with 53 credit hours completed and a GPA of 3.86 from Austin Community College.

Extracurricular Activities

HACS Officer

Fall 2019 – Spring 2020)

- Mentoring and promoting the prospect of diversity for underrepresented communities in the tech field.
- Overseeing and planning events as part of the board for this organization.
- In charge of opensource projects for our members in order to build experience and learn new technologies used in industry.