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## EXPERIENCE

- **Facebook AI Research** | Software Engineer Intern  
C++, Python, PyTorch | New York, NY (Remote) | May - Sep 2020
  - Working with the [AI Platform](#) team to develop new NLP models for PyTorch
- **Lyft Level 5** | Software Engineer Intern - Autonomous Driving  
C++, Python, TensorFlow, OpenCV, BigQuery | Palo Alto, CA | Jan - Apr 2020
  - Trained new classifier with the [Perception](#) team capable of detecting traffic light bulb shapes with **90%+ accuracy** on an extremely unbalanced dataset
  - Designed a regression test suite which can provide a **binary decision** for engineers when deciding whether to release a new model to the vehicle
  - Created a test creation GUI that gives engineers finer control when selecting relevant obstacles from an image which cannot be regressed on in the future
- **Facebook AI Research** | Software Engineer Intern  
C++, Python, OpenCV, PyTorch, Presto | Menlo Park, CA | May - Aug 2019
  - Worked with the [Computer Vision](#) team to create a face detection and tracking pipeline **running on all Facebook videos in real-time**
  - Benchmarked precision and recall of various detection models (**Mask R-CNN, DFSD, Viola-Jones**) and tracking algorithms [on a 600k SOA video dataset](#)
  - Collaborated with leading researchers ([Ross Girschick](#) and [Yufei Wang](#)) to anonymize faces in the video dataset using detection and tracking results
- **Microsoft** | Software Engineer Intern  
C#, Redis, Kusto, Azure | Redmond, WA | Aug - Dec 2018
  - Architected Ownership Enforcer (OE) service on the [Azure Infrastructure](#) team to enforce PR code reviews for compliance and security assurance
  - Improved performance of OE service by designing multi-layered Redis Cache pipelines from the ground up, **reducing VSTS API calls by 150%**
- **Microsoft** | Software Engineer Intern  
C#, C++, Unity, XAML, HoloLens | Vancouver, BC | Jan - Apr 2018
  - Worked on the [3D Viewer](#) team to create a cross-platform Windows/HoloLens app for viewing 3D files used by **3 million+ monthly users**
- **Watonomous** | Path Planning Engineer - Autonomous Driving  
C++, ROS, RViz, CMake | Waterloo, ON | Sep 2017 - Apr
  - Collaborating on a student-led design team to transform a Chevrolet Bolt EV into a Level 4 autonomous vehicle for the [SAE AutoDrive Challenge](#)

## PROJECTS

- **Flappy Goose** | Game in an Embedded RTOS Environment  
C, Keil RTX RTOS, LPC1768 Microcontroller
  - Recreated Flappy Bird game using a Keil MCB1700 board in a **real-time OS**
- **Study Space** | PennApps XVI (Google Prize Winner)  
Android Things, Java, Firebase
  - Created IoT device and companion app to **display real-time occupancy** of specific locations on campus using 'Android Nearby' communication platform

## EDUCATION

- **University of Waterloo**  
2016 - 2021  
BASc in Honours Mechatronics Engineering, Co-op  
Option in Artificial Intelligence
- **Charles III University of Madrid**  
2019  
International Exchange Semester
- **Relevant Courses**
  - CS231n - Convolutional Neural Networks (Stanford)
  - Practical Deep Learning for Coders (fast.ai)
  - Machine Learning (Coursera)

## SKILLS

- **Languages**
  - Python
  - C++
  - C#
  - C
  - Java
  - JavaScript
  - PHP
  - SQL
- **Technologies/Frameworks**
  - OpenCV
  - ROS
  - Pandas
  - NumPy
  - PyTorch
  - TensorFlow
- **Tools**
  - Git
  - IPython
  - Redis
  - Linux
  - BigQuery
  - Azure

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- President's Scholarship of Distinction
- [Google Prize @ PennApps XVI](#)
- 3rd Place @ IEEE Hardware Hackathon

## HOBBIES/INTERESTS

- Varsity Ultimate
- Hiking
- Road Biking
- Mentorship
- Robotics