

Alden Hallak

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EDUCATION

UNIV. OF PENNSYLVANIA

ENGLISH AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Expected May 2020
Philadelphia, PA

BA IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGLISH

Expected May 2020
College of Arts and Sciences

LOWER MERION HIGH SCHOOL

Merion Station, PA
Graduated with Honors

COURSEWORK

CIS 350 Software Design & Engineering
CIS 320 Introduction to Algorithms
CIS 262 Automata Computability and Complexity
CIS 121 Data Structures and Algorithms
CIS 160 Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science
CIS 120 Programming Languages and Techniques
Math 114 Calculus 3

SKILLS

PROGRAMMING

Experienced:

Python • Java • C# •
HTML/CSS/JavaScript/JQuery •

Familiar:

BASH • C++ • MySQL •
OCaml • Scikit-Learn • PHP/Laravel •
Objective-C • Cordova/Phone Gap •
Node.js • TensorFlow

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English • French • Croatian • Arabic

LINKS

Github: github.com/aldenhallak
LinkedIn: [linkedin.com/in/alden-hallak](https://www.linkedin.com/in/alden-hallak)
Personal Website: AldenHallak.com

WEBSITES WORKED ON

Arteric.com
WQHSRadio.org
HarrisonMeyer2017.com
seas.upenn.edu/halal/ (the halal zone)

WORK EXPERIENCE

INFOSYS | INSTEP INTERN (MACHINE LEARNING/NLP)

Summer 2018 | Bangalore, India

- Built and evaluated vector based and tensor based algorithms for information retrieval.
- Set up and maintained TensorFlow-Serving and Solr Servers.
- Wrote a REACT-API with Flask.
- Interfaced with the API using a demo built in React.js
- Worked with a team to build a ML Search Re-Ranking service.

ARTERIC | JUNIOR SOFTWARE DEVELOPER/NLP INTERN

Summer 2017 | Summit, NJ

- Developed software that utilized machine learning and natural language processing to analyze, categorize, and group pay-per-click / AdWords query data with the goal of identifying topically similar queries.
- Used PHP / the Laravel framework and MySQL to store and show query data, which was generated with AdWords data input into Python / Scikit-Learn.
- Performed miscellaneous tasks such as data analysis, quality control testing, and clerical work at the request of Arteric personnel.
- A write up of the tool I helped create can be found here: goo.gl/bQVQR8

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA | TEACHING ASSISTANT - CIS 110

Jan 2017 – Present | Philadelphia, PA

- Teach introductory Computer Science in recitation once a week.
- Hold office hours twice a week.
- Grade and contribute to homework.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA | RESIDENTIAL OP. ASSISTANT

Nov 2016 - Present | Philadelphia, PA

- Work with specialized computer software at the front desk of the Quad, a residential area belonging to the University of Pennsylvania.

ACTIVITIES

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA | RESIDENTIAL ADVISOR

Working as a Residential Advisor, developing a sense of community for 25 culturally diverse freshmen who are new to the University of Pennsylvania.

TECH IT OUT! PHILLY | BOARD MEMBER, MENTOR | 2017-CURRENT

I mentor under Google's IgniteCS Program, helping Philadelphia youth build websites that advocate for social change. I am also on the board of directors.

WQHS STUDENT RADIO | SYSTEMS ADMIN, RADIO DJ |

2017-CURRENT

An elected board position where I focus on maintaining and updating the technical side of WQHS Radio, making sure the servers run and constantly adding additional functionality to the WordPress site: wqhsradio.org.

PENNAPPS | STAFF MEMBER | 2017-CURRENT

I create media for one of the largest student run hackathons.

THE DAILY PENNSYLVANIAN | DEPUTY | 2018-CURRENT

I create satirical videos for Under The Button, under the Daily Pennsylvanian

MISC. HOBBIES

I play bassoon, saxophone, and piano.

I like home automation, currently running HomeAssistant on a Raspberry Pi in my house to control the locks and lights.

I enjoy reading and good comedy as well.