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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY 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 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

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English • French • Croatian • Arabic

LINKS

Github: github.com/aldenhallak

LinkedIn: [linkedin.com/in/alden-hallak](https://www.linkedin.com/in/alden-hallak)

WEBSITES WORKED ON

Arteric.com

WQHSRadio.org

AldenHallak.com

HarrisonMeyer2017.com

seas.upenn.edu/halal/ (the halal zone)

EXPERIENCE

ARTERIC | JUNIOR SOFTWARE DEVELOPER/INTERNSHIP

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.
- Assisted in the entry of web content into WordPress CMS, including images, text, HTML and CSS.
- Performed miscellaneous tasks such as data analysis, quality control testing, and clerical work at the request of Arteric personnel.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA | TEACHING ASSISTANT FOR 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.
- Work side by side with fellow TAs to ensure success for all students.

LESS - RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA | STUDENT WORKER AT THE QUAD INFORMATION CENTER

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.

LOWER MERION TOWNSHIP | LIFEGUARD

Summer of 2015 and 2016 | Philadelphia, PA

- Worked 10 hour days as a lifeguard.
- Developed a small application in Node.js to figure out the best shifts to take in order to maximize rest time.

ACTIVITIES

TECH IT OUT! PHILLY | MENTOR

I mentor under Google's IgniteCS Program, helping Philadelphia youth build websites that advocate for social change.

WQHS STUDENT RADIO | SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR / "CTO"

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.

PENNAPPS | STAFF MEMBER

I work in PennApps Media, where I help prepare for one of the largest student run hackathons.

HARRISON MEYER'S 2017 BID FOR LOWER MERION SCHOOL BOARD TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR

I developed and set up hosting for the website of Harrison Meyer's 2017 bid for the Democratic Nomination in Lower Merion Township.

MISC. HOBBIES

I play bassoon, saxophone, and piano.

I enjoy reading and good comedy as well.