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# Work Experience

# Khan Academy

Mountain View, CA

Software Developer Intern August 2011 - December 2011

- Proposed and implemented machine learning model for new proficiency model. Blog post (Hacker News frontpaged): http://david-hu.com/ka-ml.html
- Increased student proficiencies by 20%, hint usage by 55%, review problem usage by 22%
- Data visualization in Python; map reduce scripts; UI design; see post-mortem blog post
- See GitHub commits and Kiln changesets

### University of Waterloo

Waterloo, ON

Undergraduate Research Assistant May 2011 - August 2011

- Implemented map reduce algorithms to cluster near-duplicate documents in a web crawl
- Optimized runs on Amazon Elastic MapReduce

Google

Software Intern

Mountain View, CA

January - April, 2011

 Designed and implemented a multi-threaded cross-platform automation framework for Google Earth in C++

Google

Waterloo, ON

Software Intern - Mobile May - August, 2010

- Implemented product features for Google Mobile Docs by finding creative workarounds for browser bugs
- Derived cubic Bezier math for emulating native scrolling using CSS 3D transforms http://googlemobile.blogspot.com/2010/10/gmail-in-mobile-safari-now-even-more.html
- Optimized speed by exploiting JavaScript implementations and improving data structures

#### TD Bank Financial Group

Toronto, ON

IT Student Analyst August 2009

- Developed data analysis tools to process business data and generate reports
- Developed automation software saving an estimated 65 minutes daily

## SKILLS

### Technical Knowledge

- Python (Django, Google App Engine): Khan Academy backend, social web startup, hobby projects
- JavaScript: Optimizations and browser bug workarounds for Google Docs
- C++: 6 years of experience through work, personal projects, contests, robotics, and school
- Experienced with HTML, CSS, jQuery, C, Qt, Google Closure Tools, MIPS assembly, AWS (EC2, Elastic MapReduce, S3), Hadoop, GNU Make
- Prior experience: Bash scripting, Scheme, LATEX, XPath, Java, C#

#### **Projects**

- Numbers API: An API for interesting facts about numbers, with about 3K requests per day. Blog post: http://david-hu.com/numapi.html
- First place optimizing compiler for university competition
- Artificial intelligence bots: Gomoku, competition Tron, competition Rock-Paper-Scissors
- WEP/WPA penetration-testing GUI application on BackTrack 3

- Multiple web apps: backends in Django + MySQL and C# + ASP.NET
- Designed and implemented a trie-based word-prediction system for an educational toy robot
- MSN plugins: conversation bot, multiplayer display name game
- High school: FIRST Robotics controller, Xbox 360 game, tournament scheduler, automation scripts

#### General

- Regularly competes in programming contests, including ACM, Google AI contest, CCC, Project Euler, USACO
- Interested in artificial intelligence, compilers, algorithms, and functional programming

## University Activities

## Entrepreneurial Project Programmer

Winter, Fall 2010

Developed a motivational learning website and professional network-building service in teams of three and four, respectively. http://velocity.uwaterloo.ca/student-posts/heres-looking-at-you-cing-me

### **ACM Programming Contest Competitor**

2009 Fall

One of 9 students selected to represent U Waterloo. Trained five hours twice per week with teammates on algorithm problems. Rapidly wrote and debugged code during competition; attained 13th out of 115 at East Central North America.

### Software Engineering Class Representative

2009 Fall - Present

Took the initiative to write weekly email updates to the class. Co-founded the  $Give\ Me\ Your\ Knowledge$  student talks series. Founded course on open-source development (work in progress) - http://os499.github.com

### **IEEE Student Branch Member**

2009 Fall - Present

Designed and implemented a mailing system for U Waterloo's IEEE website in ASP.NET and C#.

# HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

## Programming Team Leader

2007 - 2009

Revitalized club: advertised, recruited, taught lessons, organized practices, motivated participants. Achieved top 5 in provincial competition.

## FIRST Robotics Team Leader

2008 - 2009

Facilitated communications, organized meetings, and headed programming team.

## **Programming Competition Finalist**

Mar. 2009

National Bronze Medalist (top 20 in Canada) in the Canadian Computing Competition.

### **Programming Competition Champion**

Oct. 2008

Bot coded in Java attained first place in Toronto-area high school AI competition. https://www-927.ibm.com/ibm/cas/cascon2008/hspc/results.html

### Peer Tutoring Club Lead Tutor

2008 - 2009

### **Xbox Media Trade Show Presenter**

Aug. 2007

Invited by Microsoft to present a video game developed using C# in XNA at X07 in Toronto. Was a hit with the blogs: http://www.thebbps.com/articles/content/x07-warpong.html

### EDUCATION

### Candidate for Bachelor of Software Engineering

University of Waterloo

2009 - 2014 (expected)

• Member of the VeloCity start-up incubator (http://velocity.uwaterloo.ca) for two terms

## High School Diploma

Western Technical-Commercial School, Toronto

• Enrolled in the gifted/enriched program; highest average in graduating class (97.5%)

2009

## AWARDS

- Math and Engineering Dean's Honour List for all terms, University of Waterloo
- Engineering Faculty Entrance Scholarship, University of Waterloo
- Queen Elizabeth II Aiming for the Top Scholarship
- Governor General's Academic Medal, Western Tech
- Euclid Mathematics Contest School Champion, Western Tech
- McCall Award for Computer Science and Engineering, Western Tech
- Student Recognition Award, Western Tech

### Interests

Ping pong, biking, swimming, jogging, camping, reading, free food