PHURUSHOTHAM SHEKAR

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Education

Rutgers University - New Brunswick • May 2020

B.Sc. in Electrical and Computer Engineering, Minor in Computer Science

Relevant Coursework: Data Structures, Software Engineering, Systems Programming, Computer Architecture

Experience

Rutgers University Student Affairs Marketing and Communications

May 2019 - Present

Web Developer Intern

- Design and develop a website template using Bootstrap and SCSS to transition current Student Affairs affiliated sites from WordPress to the Drupal content management system
- ► Maintain current Student Affairs sites by updating content as requested and troubleshooting issues
- ► Optimize UI/UX with Google Analytics and user feedback to improve reachability of important pages

Projects

Bewba • BitCamp 2019

April 2019

Created a conveyer belt-like system using an Arduino, servo motors and IOT devices to create an automated bubble-tea maker that can serve a cup in only 2 minutes.

Minerva • Term Project – Software Engineering (ECE:452)

Jan 2019 – April 2019

- ► Developed a mobile and web app to increase Professor and Student communication by adding in-class quizzes, questions and feedback to the features offered in existing learning management systems
- ► Implemented the anonymous questions and feedback system in the cross-platform mobile app using React Native and Node.js to interact with the MongoDB database
- ► Designed the UI using Adobe XD and adhered to best design principles to maximize user friendliness

Wea(r)ther • Personal Project

Jan 2019 - Present

- Developing a cross-platform app using React Native to recommend clothing based on weather conditions
- Accesses the Google Location and Dark Sky APIs to fetch the required data to determine personalized clothing recommendations for each user

IBM Vault Challenge • Winner: 64 of 3000+ (Top 2%)

Sept 2018

 Solved 6 challenges that required parsing website code, cracking cyphers and editing JavaScript code in order to decode and identify the passwords for each level

Involvement

TEDxRutgers

Sept 2017 - Present

President

- ► Delegate tasks to 20+ people among 6 teams to host various smaller events that strengthen the TEDxRutgers brand leading up to the annual conference with 500 attendees and 8 speakers
- ► Implemented a dedicated Speaker Curator team to research, select, and reach out to potential speakers and assist them in crafting their talks
- ► Collaborated with various third parties to set up logistics, talk recordings, and stage productions

Rutgers Undergraduate Student Alliance of Computer Scientists (USACS)

Sept 2017 - Present

HackRU Organizer - Volunteer and Hacker Experience Team • USACS Mentor

- ► Trained 20+ volunteers and mentors on their responsibilities to aid 800+ hackers in a timely manner
- Surveyed attendees during the hackathon to incorporate their feedback at future events
- ► Mentor underclassmen and assist them with navigating the CS community and curriculum at Rutgers

Skills & Interests

Programming: Java • C • JavaScript • React.js • React Native • MATLAB

Tools: Git • Node.js • Unix Terminal • Drupal • WordPress • Adobe XD • Adobe Photoshop

Interests: Soccer (Spurs) • Photography • Photo/Video Editing • Mobile Technology • Running • Volunteering