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Education

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 08/2014 – 05/2019(Expected)
Master of Science in Computer Science, Bachelor of Science in Computer Science GPA:3.83/4.0
Dean's List: Spring & Fall 2015, Spring & Fall 2016, Spring & Fall 2017, Spring 2018
Successful Contestant, the National Mathematical Contest in Modeling
Relevant coursework: Data Structures & Algorithms Database & Distributed Systems System Programming
HCI & Signal Processing Machine Learning & Artificial Intelligence Data Mining

Skills

Languages: Java, Python, C++, C, PHP, JavaScript, SQL, CSS, HTML, Haskell, R, MIPS Assembly
Software/Tools: Tensorflow, Flask, MongoDB, JUnit, Git, MVC, IntelliJ, VM VirtualBox, Android Studio, WebGL

Experience

ArcSoft, Inc. | Hangzhou, China 07/2018 – 08/2018
Full Stack Software Engineer Intern (PHP, JavaScript, JQuery, AJAX, HTML, SQL, Bootstrap, CodeIgniter)
• Built a market inventory management system for the product-manager team to help them track and analyze the current market and reduce labor/time costs.
• Developed interactive web pages with **Bootstrap** and **CodeIgniter** framework, utilizing **AJAX** technology.
• Enhanced system security by designing a hierarchical data access and manipulation mechanism.
• Used **HighCharts** library to achieve customizable data analysis and visualization between **SQL** tables.
• Customized queries for users to offer better information provision.
• Added supports for data editing, searching, filtering, importing and exporting to help users interact between frontend and backend. All code was reviewed and pushed to production.
Zoom Video Communications | San Jose, CA 05/2017 – 08/2017
ML/AI Software Engineer Intern (Python, Tensorflow)
• Led a team of two, using **Python** and **Tensorflow** to build neural network (MLP, CNN, LSTM) models that classify noise and human sound to achieve noise reduction/cancellation goals (achieved 97% accuracy).
• Analyzed feature importance to identify top factors that influenced results for feature selection.
• Applied normalization and regularization with optimal parameters to overcome overfitting.
• Evaluated model performance of classification via k-fold cross-validation, recall, and precision.
• Gave presentations of analysis results to executives. Wrote an ML/AI concept and resources tutorial book and gave lectures to the engineers to help them quickly grasp the principle machine learning knowledge.

Projects

Eattogether -- a food buddy matching web application (Python) <http://eattogether.pythonanywhere.com/> Fall 2018
• Designed an app that leveraged busy student's lunchtime to facilitate social circle expansion.
• Grouped users based on similarity and implemented a messaging system based on **Flask** framework.
• Added data visualization which presents restaurants information based on **Google map API**.
• Interacted with **MongoDB** for data fetching in the backend, utilizing its flexibility and schemaless feature.
• Deployed application on **PythonAnywhere** and database on **mLab** to improve scaling and availability.
• Promoted the app to engineering students. Implemented nudging features which increased retention rates.
• Tested performance by empirical user study with 30 participants to improve quality of the product.
Classical-game-collection desktop application (Java) Spring 2018
• Built an interactive classic game collection including snake, chess and sudoku with **Swing dynamic GUI**.
• Designed the application following **OOD** concepts and **MVC** architectural pattern.
• Improved gameplay by adding an artificial intelligence bot to compete with the player.
• Added user-friendly features such as gaming environment change, two player mode, undo, forfeit, restart.
• Implemented real-time game monitoring features such as scoreboard and next move hint button.
• Performed extensive refactoring and testing with **JUnit** framework. Unit tests achieved 98% coverage.
Tweet Normalizer Application (Python, Electron, JavaScript) Spring 2018
• Developed a supervised-machine-learning system to perform lexical normalization for English Twitter text.
• Generated candidates based on past knowledge and a novel string similarity measurement.
• Selected large real-world datasets to train the model with random forest classifiers.
• Implemented **OAuth** login feature. Used **Electron** and **Vue.js** to implement a GUI which interacts real-time with the Twitter API, parsing and displaying the data in the application interface.
• Enhanced accuracy by supplying user-aided revision features that enable normalization engine evolution.