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## EXPERIENCE



### AIRBNB PDP

#### Fullstack Software Engineer

SAN FRANCISCO, CA • JULY 2019 - PRESENT

Optimized UX of Listing Product Detail Page (PDP) to increase bookings on Airbnb via feature-driven A/B Testing & maintainance

- **Increased bookings by 1.3% globally** by surfacing dynamic messages tailored to user-inputted trip details & improved the ranking mechanism of such messages to support nontrivial product specs
- **Served as POC for PDP Team's Covid-19 Response**, coordinating technical efforts across iOS/Android engineers and 3 teams to address evolving product specs
- **Refactored/redesigned various reusable PDP components**, such as a module for booking mechanisms & a cross-browser compatible carousel component, to be more performant, maintainable, & robust



### FACEBOOK MESSENGER

#### ML Engineering Intern

SEATTLE, WA • MAY 2018 - AUG 2018

Messenger Assistant Natural Language Generation Team

- **Deployed e2e Neural Natural Language Generation pipeline** into the assistant stack using context-aware decoder LSTMs
- **Developed heuristic-automated data collection scripts** & establishing guidelines for remote human-annotation teams



### FRAMEHUNT

#### 1st at HackGT 2017 (185 submissions)

ATLANTA, GA • OCT 2017 - DEC 2017

The Ctrl-F for Videos: A tool that helps users quickly search & skip to parts of a video based on visual content with Node.js

- **Integrated Clarifai API** & optimized video processing/search indexing pipelines for faster, more helpful searches
- **Built data flow, state management & oversaw design** of ReactJS WebApp backed by Amazon EC2 server & ExpressJS



### E-TEXTILE HACKING

#### iOS Software Engineer

ATLANTA, GA • JAN 2019 - MAY 2019

Repurposing, expanding, & exposing a public API for the Levi's/Google Jacquard Collaboration

- **Developed iOS cocoapods toolkit** for developers to easily interface with Google Jacquard technology and customize user input behavior
- **Introduced new gestures using CoreML** that leverage the ability to discern variable applied pressure as a second dimension for user input
- **First author on publication in the London ISWC'19 Conference** (International Symposium on Wearable Computers), which outlines the accuracy and intuitiveness of existing and novel Jacquard e-textile gestures (<https://dl.acm.org/doi/10.1145/3341163.3347721>)



### AMAZON ALEXA

#### Backend Engineering Intern

CAMBRIDGE, MA • AUG 2018 - DEC 2018

Alexa Entity Resolution & Search/Accuracy Team

- **Automated management of entity resolution configs** using realtime accuracy & latency metrics to revert faulty changes
- **Leveraged DynamoDB & Distributed Job Scheduling** to regularly monitor metrics for executing or suggesting rollbacks as needed



### YAHOO! TRIPOD

#### Frontend Engineering Intern

SAN FRANCISCO, CA • MAY 2017 - AUG 2017

Tripod: Yahoo's platform for commoditized photo & video storage, serving, enrichment, aggregation, & search

- **Built Tripod Map/Image Viewer UI** with ReactJS & Mapbox Supercluster to visualize EXIF-metadata/geodata for user photos
- **Improved image search parsing accuracy** by implementing search metrics & analyzing query processing algorithm

## PERSONAL PROJECTS



### DEPENDENCY PARSING

#### Natural Language Jupyter Notebooks

MAR 2018 - APR 2018

Created a deep transition dependency parser in PyTorch with 93.6% (English) and 94.8% (Norwegian) dev accuracies

- **Built arc-standard transition-based dependency parser** using various methods of computing word embeddings
- **Implemented neural network components** for choosing actions & combining stack elements



### FACE DETECTION

#### Computer Vision Project

NOV 2017

Trained a classifier to detect faces using a sliding window classification, inspired by Dalal & Triggs 2005

- **Built HOG Descriptions** (Histogram of Oriented Gradients) of positive & negative examples in Caltech Web Faces dataset
- **Leveraged Hard Negative Mining** to boost classifier accuracy & augmented positive example data with horizontally mirrored faces



### RAVEN'S MATRIX SOLVER

#### Knowledge-Based AI Python Project

AUG 2017 - DEC 2017

Built an Agent to solve Raven's Progressive Matrices, visual analogies to assess IQ, with 83.7% train & 65.9% test accuracies

- **Built Semantic Networks** to capture knowledge representation using Numpy adjacency matrices & object oriented design
- **Leveraged Generate & Test** methodology to determine affine image transformations & recognize complex visual patterns



### SCENE RECOGNITION

#### Computer Vision Project

OCT 2017 - DEC 2017

Explored Deep Learning & Bag of Words/SVM approaches to Scene Recognition task - accuracies measured with test set:

- **Designed Deep Neural Network** from scratch (54% accuracy) & fine-tuned the pre-trained VGG-F deep network (89% accuracy)
- **Trained 15 one-vs-all Linear SVMs** fed with Bag of SIFT features (66.1% accuracy) & k nearest neighbors (42.3% accuracy)

## SKILLS

### LANGUAGES

- Typescript/JavaScript
- Java
- Python
- Thrift
- Hack/PHP
- Matlab
- Ruby on Rails

### LIBRARIES

- ReactJS
- GraphQL
- StorybookJS/Happo
- PyTorch
- Tensorflow
- SKLearn/OpenCV
- Redux/ImmutableJS
- iOS/Android SDK (Limited Working Proficiency)

### DEV TOOLS

- Git/Github Integrations
- Mercurial
- Splunk
- Jira Issue Tracking
- Linux/RHEL (SSH)
- Designs/Mockups (Figma, Sketch)

## EDUCATION

### GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

#### BS Computer Science, 3.8 GPA

ATLANTA, GA • CLASS OF 2019

Relevant Coursework:

- Natural Language Processing
- Computer Vision
- Knowledge-Based AI
- Intro to AI
- Robotics & Perception
- Algorithm Design/Analysis
- Info Visualization
- User Interface Design

## VOLUNTEERING

### MICROSOFT TEALS

#### Intro to Python Teacher

SAN FRANCISCO, CA • SPRING 2020

Taught introductory programming concepts in python to 61 students at El Camino High School

Made With ReactJS