Anthony Carapetis
Curriculum Vitae

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WORK HISTORY

Software Engineer
📅 May—Nov 2018 🏢 *CSIRO* 📍 Canberra

A six month position at the *High Resolution Plant Phenomics Centre*, developing software devoted to integrating, visualizing and analysing data for agriculture and plant science. My main focus is developing software infrastructure to support time series data gathered from sensor networks:

- Streamlined existing data ingest processes and improved query performance by moving to an **InfluxDB** storage solution, with several levels of time-based aggregation caching.
- Created a simple REST API to retrieve time series data on demand.
- Built a diagnostics dashboard and data visualization tools, integrated into an existing **PHP** web application. Used **JavaScript**, including the libraries **D3.js** and **Plotly.js** along with modern web standards (**SVG**, **CSS3** transitions, **ES6** modules, Fetch, Promises).

Some other responsibilities:

- Working on an internal **Java/Spring** application used to track the HRPPC's projects, users and data.
- Prototyping a web app to parse output files from photosynthesis systems, store the resulting datasets in a repository and run automated statistical analyses by integrating **R** scripts.
- Maintaining various other small forms, scripts and cronjobs, written in **Bash**, **Python** and other languages.

For source control, project management and documentation, we use **git**, **Bitbucket**, **JIRA** and **Confluence**.

Casual Sessional Academic
📅 2015—2017 🏢 *Australian National University* 📍 Canberra

Teaching and marking for undergraduate classes in mathematics and astrophysics.

Software Developer
📅 2006—2013 🏢 *Unisolve Pty Ltd* 📍 Melbourne

Full-stack development of web-based software, along with administration of associated systems and databases.

I worked on various large web applications, mostly with backends built in **Perl** on top of **Apache** and **Linux**, using modern frameworks including `Mason`, `DBIx::Class`, `Moose` and `Dancer`. They were typically backed by relational databases like **MySQL**, **PostgreSQL**, and **SQLite**, and regression-tested using `Test::More`.

Many of these applications were part of accounting and resource management systems for mid-sized companies, interfacing with older proprietary software; so I became proficient in data wrangling.

I was also involved in developing simple deployment architecture, writing scheduled processes to carry out heavier business logic and reporting tasks, and thoroughly testing automated backups; thus I have extensive experience using shell scripts, cron jobs and daemons to automate systems.

On the frontend, I used HTML, CSS and JavaScript (including libraries like **jQuery** and **Sencha/ExtJS** and the extensive use of AJAX) to create interactive user experiences, with automated tests built using **Selenium**.

Sessional Teaching Associate
📅 2012 🏢 *Monash University* 📍 Melbourne

Teaching and marking for undergraduate engineering calculus.

Web Developer (Contractor)
📅 2009—2010 🏢 *Ramble Communications* 📍 Melbourne

Front-end development and maintenance of small websites.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (Mathematics)
📅 2013—2018 🏢 *Australian National University* 📍 Canberra

PhD Thesis: *Geometric Flows of Diffeomorphisms*, **Supervisor:** Ben Andrews
Geometric flows hijack the physics of heat flow to study geometry: by making a mathematical analogy between "spikiness" and heat, we can deform poorly-understood spiky objects to simple smooth ones; and by understanding the mathematical properties of this deformation we can derive new knowledge about the spiky things we started with. In my thesis research, I applied this methodology to a previously unstudied class of flow.

EDUCATION (CONTD.)

Bachelor of Science Advanced (with Honours) ········· 📅 2009—2012 🏢 *Monash University* 📍 Melbourne

Majors: Mathematics, Physics
Honours Thesis: *The Riemannian Penrose Inequality and the Inverse Mean Curvature Flow*
Supervisor: Gilbert Weinstein
The universe should weigh at least as much as the biggest black hole it contains, but the mathematical embodiment of this fact (the Penrose Inequality) is remarkably difficult to derive from general relativity: it took until 1999 for even a special case to be proven. This thesis was an exposition of the problem and its solution intended for a slightly less expert audience.

OTHER SKILLS

Some skills I have not mentioned above:

- Applied numerical analysis/computational mathematics: during my thesis research, I combined numerical simulations of partial differential equations with my expertise in frontend web development to develop interactive visualizations of some geometric flows, which you can play with online at **a.carapetis.com/csf/** (**JavaScript + Canvas**) and **a.carapetis.com/diff_flow/** (**PixiJS**).
- Hobbyist experience with various other programming languages, including **Ruby**, **C++**, and **Haskell**
- Graphic design (free and small freelance projects) using **Inkscape** and **GIMP**

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

Summer Vacation Research Scholarship ················· 📅 2011—2012 🏢 *Monash University* 📍 Melbourne

Reading project on the problem of minimal surfaces: if you dip a wonky loop of wire in a bucket of soapy water, what is the shape of the resulting bubble?

Mathematics Research Project ···································· 📅 2011 🏢 *Monash University* 📍 Melbourne

Reading project in geometry, focusing on how the familiar relationships of lengths and angles change when we work on a curved surface (or in a curved space).

Mathematics Research Project ······················· 📅 2010—2011 🏢 *AMSI/Monash University* 📍 Melbourne

Numerical investigation of p-adic zeta functions using the mathematical programming language PARI/GP. Culminated in a presentation at the CSIRO Big Day In.