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Education

Stanford University: MS in Computer Science

Stanford, CA

Focus: Theoretical Computer Science

Current GPA: 4.0

September 2011 – Present

Stanford University: BS in Computer Science

Stanford, CA

Focus: Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning

GPA: 3.9

September 2008 – June 2012

Languages/Skills: Python, JavaScript/CoffeeScript, Django, Tastypie, Backbone, RequireJS, Node/Connect, Jade,

Handlebars, Bootstrap, Java, C, C++, Objective-C, HTML/HAML, CSS/LESS, Haskell, Matlab

Stanford University: BS in Mathematics

Stanford, CA

Focus: Analysis, Probability and Measure Theory

GPA: 3.9

September 2008 – June 2012

Courses Taken:

Object-oriented Programming, Machine Learning, Probabilistic Graphical Models, Convex Optimization, Natural Language Processing, Analysis, iPhone Programming, Computer and Network Security, Advanced Algorithms, Programming Languages

Industry and Teaching Experience

Google Mountain View, CA

Software Engineering Intern

June 2013 – September 2013

Worked on Product Listing Ads UI, involving front-end code and tests (primarily HTML and Java), ran experiments to determine impact of changes to UI. Worked on new design of Jackpot card.

Stanford Computer Science

Stanford, CA

Course Assistant, Section Leader

January 2010 - Present

Taught weekly labs and sections, graded programming assignments and exams, and held office hours.

RockMelt, Inc. Mountain View, CA

Software Engineering Intern

June 2010 - March 2012

Worked on both the front-end browser product (Objective-C++) and on the platform architecture and applications (primarily in-browser JavaScript/HTML and Node). Built dynamic in-browser JavaScript applications that are currently used by tens of thousands of people.

Independent Projects

Premonit (premonit.com) Menlo Park, CA

Collaborative Prediction Platform

January 2012 – October 2012

Co-founded. Developed both back-end code and web front-end. Developed an all-AJAX app with the front-end using Backbone and RequireJS alongside Handlebars templates and the back-end using Tastypie to serve up JSON from a Postgres database. Deployed with Fabric on EC2 using uWSGI.

Stanford Debate Society (debate.stanford.edu)

Stanford, CA

Web Portal and Infrastructure

August 2011 – November 2011

Developed an entirely new web portal and server backend for the Stanford Debate Society. Open-sourced on GitHub.

ClassiWhale Stanford, CA

Twitter-filtering Web Service

August 2010 – April 2011

Developed a web service and corresponding iPhone application. Machine learning to filter Twitter feed. Open-sourced on Github.

Publications

Churchill, A. (2009). Restrictions and Generalizations on Comma-Free Codes. http://www.combinatorics.org/Volume_16/PDF/v16i1r25.pdf

Work primarily involved development of upper-bounds on the information capacity of classes of (self-synchronizing) comma-free codes, as well as constructive lower-bounds and development of NP-Complete comma-free restrictions.

Honors and Extracurricular Activities

- Tau Beta Pi, Engineering Honor Society
- American Mathematical Society Karl Menger Memorial Award for Mathematics Research
- Stanford Debate Webmaster

- Presidential Scholar
- Graduate with Distinction in Math and CS