

# Alex Gallagher:

## GIS Analyst



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### EDUCATION

**Advanced Diploma in Geographic Sciences**  
**Geographic Information Systems**

*Centre of Geographic Sciences, Nova Scotia*

May 2017

**Bachelor of Science in Environmental Sciences**  
**Minor in Geographic Information Systems, Honours**  
*University of Guelph*

December 2015

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### ASSETS

- Experience designing, developing, & maintaining corporate databases
- Comprehensive working knowledge of ESRI products; ArcGIS Desktop, ArcGIS Online, ArcGIS Catalog, & ArcGIS Pro
- Working knowledge and experience programming in Python, JavaScript, SQL & CSS
- Excellent listening skills and able to communicate effectively both verbally and in written form
- Researched & tested over 130 GIS web applications from municipalities across Canada

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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**GIS Technician**  
**Halifax Regional Municipality**

January 2019 - present  
*Halifax, Nova Scotia*

#### *Curbside Giveaway Web Application*

- Updated the Curbside Giveaway Application, using Survey123 and arcade expressions to simplify and customize the symbology and editing process
- Provided a dynamic link in pop-ups using attribute information and URL parameters to edit submissions

#### *Point Pleasant Web Application*

- Created an interactive and informative application to provide the public with Point Pleasant Trail information and a mobile-friendly guided audio tour
- Used arcade expressions to link trail ids to trail names to provide labels and pop-up information
- Used knowledge of html, JavaScript, and StoryMap actions to implement responsive buttons for showing labelled trails and bike routes within the park
- Used knowledge of html to embed supplementary audio for historic locations within the Park

#### *Recreational Fields Classification Script*

- Python script cross-references a list of over 360 recreational fields given by the business unit, with a list of officially named fields
- Reads raw data from .csv and performs initial data cleanup using regex substitution methods to quickly implement conventional naming methods

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- Defined an acceptable confidence score and processed data using 6 methods of approximate string matching based on the *Levenshtein distance computing algorithm*
- Correctly identified over 80% of the fields and wrote results to .csv

### ***Disposed Park Asset Identification & Updating Script***

- Identifies Park\_Rec assets marked as disposed and updates the record with the appropriate Rec\_ID – removes associated point if no longer required
- Scripted with Arcpy and implemented into a Script Tool for ease and shareability between users
- A dated report is generated each time the tool is run to track the results
- Automates a weekly task assigned by the business unit

### **GIS Analyst**

June 2017 – January 2019

#### **Eastlink**

*Halifax, Nova Scotia*

- Created detailed technical documentation and provided one-on-one training for the processes and software used to complete a variety of different GIS analyses, projects, and initiatives
- Managed, maintained, and updated the corporate serviceability database using ArcGIS Desktop and database queries, providing weekly updates to existing records, and maintaining data quality standards
- Developed a field data collection procedure using ArcGIS Online and ArcGIS Collector & integrated acquired data into the department's GIS
- Generated weekly reports analyzing web app data using python's Pandas module & esri's python API
- Reduced duplication and data entry errors using python to ensure quality control
- Performed extensive data cleanup and database maintenance while fulfilling corporate standards, to geocode over 140 000 addresses of potential customers

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## **TECHNICAL SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS**

### **GIS**

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|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| • ArcGIS Desktop       | • ArcGIS Online           | • ArcGIS Catalog    |
| • ArcGIS Pro           | • ArcGIS Server           | • ArcGIS Enterprise |
| • Collector for ArcGIS | • ModelBuilder for ArcGIS | • Web App Builder   |

### **Programming**

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| • Python | • JavaScript | • C#         |
| • Ruby   | • SQL        | • CSS & HTML |

### **Database Management Systems**

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| • PostgreSQL | • Oracle SQL Developer | • SQL*Plus  |
| • SQLite     | • SQL Server           | • MS Access |

### **Esri Online Certificates**

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| • “Python Scripting for Map Automation” - 2018 | • “Basics of JavaScript Web Apps” - 2018 | • “3D-Analysis of Features & Surfaces using ArcGIS GIS” -2017 |
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## PERSONAL/CAREER DEVELOPMENT

### *The Odin Project*

Web Development 101 – Completed

- Command Line Basics
- JavaScript Basics
- Git
- Ruby Basics
- HTML & CSS
- Ruby on Rails Basics

Ruby Programming – In Progress

- Blocks, Procs, & Lambdas
- Modules & Mixins
- Object Oriented Programming

### *TDWI, Data Analytics*

Intro. to Python for Data Analysis – Completed

- For loops, while loops, if/else statements
- Pandas
- Loading .csv data in MySQL/PostgreSQL databases
- Functions
- Read/Write Files

### *Code Academy*

Learn Ruby – Completed

- Control Flow & loops
- Blocks & Sorting
- Arrays & Hashes

### *Kijiji Apartment Scraper*

- Used python and the *Beautiful Soup* & *folium* libraries, to scrape Kijiji data to map apartments
- Program enabled the user to specify location and search distance of interest to query matching results
- A .csv report is created, along with a Web Map that displays search locations and results
- Pop-ups added to the map containing housing ad information such as the link, pictures, price, and other meta-data