Alden Hallak

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Experience

Google New York, NY

Sep. 2023 -Present

Software Engineer | NL2SQL tool for highly sensitive NTK financial data

- Designed, implemented, and launched a tool that utilized Gemini to search through NTK databases.
- Utilized Python (LangChain), Boq, Borg, Angular Typescript, Java (PromiseGraphs). Used Spanner to perform Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG), built service for Shot and resource metadata.
- Designed a multi-layer highly scalable and modular system: implemented, delegated, launched.
- Assuming 4k users send 10 queries per day, generates savings of \$65k/d or \$16M/yr in analyst time.
- Developed service to generate slides and sheets on financial queries on specified Business Days.

Feb. 2023 -Nov. 2023 Software Engineer | Insights Engine (Financial Analysis Tool)

 Built data pipelines on top of Apache Beam that ran scheduled exports, using ML/AI to generate data in Budget/Plan/Commitment tree format using, allowing finance users to drill down into cost centers.

Sep. 2020 -Apr. 2023 Tech Lead | Tool for Monetized Product Launches at Google

- Led a small team to build features for a workflow tool for acquiring approval from Tax, Treasury, and Legal services at Google. Used internal proprietary workflow engine, Java (Guice), and Typescript.
- Responsible for handing off to a team of contractors based in India, training replacements.

May 2019 -Aug. 2019

Intern | Google Meet Hardware (GVC)

• Using Google's Mediapipe to build applied ML pipelines on Hangouts Meet.

Internships

Summer 2018

Infosys | ML/NLP Intern

Bangalore/Pune, India

 Built and evaluated vector based and tensor based algorithms for information retrieval, to build an ML search Re-Ranking service. Utilized Tensorflow-Serving and Apache Solr.

Summer 2017 Arteric (Now Relevate Health) | NLP Intern

Summit, NJ

• Utilized machine learning and natural language processing to analyze, categorize (topic modeling), and group pay-per-click / AdWords query data with the goal of identifying topically similar queries.

Education

University of Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, PA

Class of 2020

Bachelor of Arts | Computer Science and English

- Cum Laude
- Extracurriculars: Systems Administrator for WQHS Radio, Director of Tech It Out! Philly, Director for Under The Button (Under the Daily Pennsylvanian), Resident Advisor, Computer Science TA.

Skills & Interests

- Proficient: Java, C#, Typescript, HTML/CSS.
- Familiar: Javascript, Python, C++, C, OCAML.
- Outside of English, I speak French (rusty!), and grew up speaking Croatian and Arabic.
- I also enjoy home automation, using HomeAssistant and building devices with Arduino (C++).
- I've built a (small) video game (Unity, Blender) and released it on Steam, to moderate profit!

Awards & Honors

- HackerNews #1 Spot Aug 1 2025
- M.I.T. Lemelson Finalist 2020
- Penn Innovation Prize Semifinalist 2020
- Google Intern Accessibility Hackathon Winner 2019
- Audience Favorite at Penn Film Festival 2018