Eric Bannatyne

Education

Sept. 2013 – Present University of Toronto, Toronto, ON.

- o Bachelor of Science, specialist in Computer Science, minor in Mathematics.
- Expected graduation May 2017. Recipient of McNab Undergraduate Scholarship Award.
- o Dean's List 2013 2016. Recipient of UofT President's Entrance Scholarship. GPA: 3.92/4.0

Selected Projects and Extracurriculars

PennApps hackathon project: Paper2IAT_FX, a system for automatically recognizing and generating LaTeX code for graph structures based on hand-drawn images. Placed in top 30 hacks.

Research project: Parallel algorithms in MapReduce for the Earth Mover's Distance problem Sept. 2016 – Present (minimum-cost geometric bipartite matchings), with Aleksandar Nikolov.

Jan. 2016 – May 2016 Research project in computational complexity theory: Branching program complexity, towards separating log space from polynomial time, under the supervision of Steve Cook & David Liu.

Developed system for performing visual speech recognition (automatic lip reading) from video Apr. 2016 using hidden semi-Markov models.

Aug. 2014 - Dec. 2014 Published and maintained the Android app Copic Colour DB on the Google Play Store.

Developer of personal open source projects on GitHub at https://github.com/aldld. Apr. 2010 – Present

Skills

Computer Languages: Fluent in Python, Java, C, PHP, HTML, CSS. Familiar with C++, JavaScript, Racket, Haskell, MATLAB.

Tools & Technologies: Machine Learning, Algorithm Design, Distributed Algorithms, Natural Language Processing, Information Retrieval, MapReduce, Android, Linux/Unix, JUnit, Django, Git, Subversion, SQL.

Experience

May 2016 - Aug. 2016 Software Engineering Intern, Facebook, Seattle, WA.

- o Created a news videos search results module, and developed models to improve video results ranking for newsy search queries.
- Leveraged video subtitles, generated automatically via speech recognition technology, to improve retrieval and ranking of videos.

May 2015 - Aug. 2015 Software Engineering Intern, Google, Mountain View, CA.

- o Implemented software in Java for the Risk Engineering team, using methods from machine learning and statistical analysis to perform payment fraud detection.
- Main project: Automating training of lightweight models for low-latency fraud classification.
- Researched, developed methods for feature selection, data preprocessing and model training.
- Adapted decision tree learning algorithms to efficiently use data parallelization.
- Designed distributed pipelines for processing large quantities of data in parallel.

Sept. 2014 - Present **Teaching Assistant**, University of Toronto Department of Computer Science, Toronto, ON.

- Led tutorials and labs, performed grading duties for assignments, projects, and exams.
- o TA for CSC207: Software Design (Fall 2014, Fall 2015), CSC263: Data Structures and Analysis (Winter 2015, Winter 2016, Fall 2016), and CSC373: Algorithm Design, Analysis & Complexity (Winter 2017).

May 2014 – May 2015 Web Developer, The Varsity, Toronto, ON.

- o Developed a new WordPress theme for the magazine website, as well as plugins to achieve functionality specific to The Varsity's website and to maximize efficiency and maintainability.
- Hired and trained an associate web developer to assist with website-related tasks.
- o Received 2nd place in the 2015 Canadian Community Newspaper Awards' "Best Campus Website" category.