Peter Downs

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OBJECTIVE

I want to do great things with smart people. I have special interest in learning more about natural language processing, computational statistics, and data visualization.

SKILLS

Personal: I communicate clearly; I learn quickly; I work hard.

Languages: Python (Django, Flask, Bottle), Javascript (Node, Angular), CSS, Go,

MIT Scheme

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science,

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

September 2014 - Present

Anticipated graduation: May 2018

Harriton High School, Rosemont, PA

September 2008 – June 2012

EXPERIENCE

Software Engineer

September 2012 – June 2014

Locu, Inc., San Francisco, CA.

(acquired by GoDaddy in September 2013)

- Worked as a full-stack web developer. Developed, maintained, and improved the site's backend (Python/Django) and frontend (Javascript/JQuery/Angular).
- Designed and implemented a novel Javascript content layout algorithm (provisional patent filed).
- Designed, implemented, and open-sourced a complete OAuth2 server implementation for Django.
- After company acquisition by GoDaddy, helped lead team working on user authentication and payment system integration.
- Advocated for and helped implement better code review and testing protocols.

Software Engineer

June 2012 – September 2012

Hyperink, San Francisco, CA.

- Worked as a full-stack web developer, from the backend (Python/web.py) to the frontend (Javascript/JQuery).
- Improved payment system, increasing customer conversion rates and increasing sales.
- Improved and developed internal tools for ebook creation and editing.

Summer Intern

Summers 2010-2011

The High Energy Physics Lab at The University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

- Wrote low-level software for medium-scale data collection and processing.
- Created internal tools that greatly increased the speed of hardware testing.