Zachary A. Smith

EDUCATION

University of Texas | Austin, TX

August 2019 – Present

Undergrad mathematics and grad-level computer science courses

Open Source Society University | Online

January 2019 – Present

Computer science courses

City Colleges of Chicago | Chicago, IL

January 2018 - December 2018

Mathematics and physics courses - GPA: 4.0/4.0

Michigan State University | East Lansing, MI

August 2012 - June 2017

Bachelor of Arts, Accounting - GPA: 3.4/4.0

EXPERIENCE

Tax Intern

NASA Computer Science Intern

January 2019 - May 2019

NASA Langley | Hampton, VA

- Identify non-compliant public-facing Langley websites, and facilitate their migration to log server traffic on Splunk
- Improved Splunk public-facing web server compliance by 12%

Database Manager and Web Designer

April 2018 - July 2019

Blockmaster Electronics | Elk Grove, IL

- Build and maintain a product database of over 20,000 unique part numbers, each with 30+ specs, with links to pictures and engineering drawings
- Create a consumer-focused company website and integrate the database so that it's filter-able and search engine optimized

BDO USA, LLP | San Francisco, CA

January 2017 – April 2017

- Worked on a team of 8 to complete the returns of a venture capital fund consisting of 50+ total entities while managing client expectations
- Modified company excel templates to improve efficiency, created new templates to manage hedge fund data, and led intern excel
 trainings to solve common first-year efficiency and data management problems
- Conducted tax research on international filing requirements

Leadership / Extracurricular Activities

Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Team (Computer Vision)

UT Austin | Austin, TX

August 2019 – Present

- Led a group of three students on the computer vision team. Our goal was to locate and identify alphanumeric symbols and their degree of rotation from birds-eye-view images. We apply various machine-learning tools (YOLO v3, TensorFlow Hub) to self-generated data.
- Correctly identify 50% of data where there exists one symbol

Musician

Wiccit | Austin, TX

August 2019 – Present

• Perform original music in the band Wiccit in venues around Austin

NASA Community College Aerospace Scholar

NASA Stennis Space Center | Mississippi

June 2018 (1 week)

• Test engineer on a team of 10 students challenged to design an autonomous rover for a Mars retrieval simulation competition

Activities Facilitator, English Language

Villacarriedo Summer School | Spain

July 2015 (4 weeks)

- Led and mentored native Spanish-speaking students with conversational English
- Collaborated with school directors and counselors to create, plan, and organize indoor and outdoor activities for students

Touring Cyclist

Howland Bicycle Club

May 2014 – June 2014

• Led a month-long, 1200 mile bike adventure tour from the campus of Michigan State University to Sioux Falls, SD