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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science, Computer Science

University of California, Irvine

06/2019 - 05/2021

Courses

- Computer Networks
- Design and Analysis of Algorithms
- Data Management
- · Machine Learning and Data Mining

Associate Degree, Mathematics

Glendale College

06/2016 - 05/2019

Courses

Linear Algebra

Data Structures

WORK EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Researcher

UCI School of Social Sciences/Data Science

07/2020 - Present

Achievements/Tasks

- Utilized various web scraping tools/techniques such as Selenium, Scrappy, and Beautiful Soup to gather relevant data.
- Built and maintained twitter bots to serve as test subjects for how twitter bots contribute to the spread of misinformation.
- Co-authored a blog post published on The Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA), summarizing the modules and toolkits developed by the team.

Undergraduate Researcher

National Science Foundation - UCI Informatics/Data Science Lab

09/2019 - 06/2020

Achievements/Tasks

- Co-authored a scholarly publication regarding ethics in computer science curricula and undergraduate experiences in research.
- Presented findings to faculty concerning how community organizations use data to champion their cause and how this experience helped our team, as computer science students, to understand ethics in computer science.
- · Performed case studies on non-profits and consolidated data into a database using FileMaker Pro.

Fullstack Developer - Intern

Youth Policy Institute - Techhire LA

06/2018 - 09/2018

Achievements/Tasks

- · Sustained and improved organization's website working directly with the product manager and lead developer.
- · Produced and maintained a follow-up system for current and past fellows using MERN stack.
- Adopted MongoDB for data storage.

SKILLS

Python







HTML/CSS



JavaScript







Arduino/Raspberry Pi







PROJECTS

Facing Digital Extremism in a Pandemic Modules/Toolkits (07/2020 - Present)

- Scraped Twitter, Reddit, Facebook, and other social media platforms for relevant data.
- Developed modules and toolkit, taught in undergraduate/graduate courses aimed to identify and combat misinformation.
- The modules and digital toolkit were promoted through events and social media channels, as well as shared with national organizations and other universities to address extremism in all its forms.

Phoenix Robotics (01/2019 - 05/2019)

- Built a public service humanoid robot to guide students on campus.
- Utilized Arduino, Python, and Raspberry Pi for a functioning robot.
- Raised north of \$20,000 for the project.

Timeliness - Time Management Application (06/2017 - 08/2017)

- · Programmed a time management app using Swift.
- Coordinated the entire project from scratch.
- Designed and implemented the UI/UX using Sketch and Photoshop.

LANGUAGES

English

Full Professional Proficiency

Armenian

Full Professional Proficiency

Farsi

Full Professional Proficiency