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WORK EXPERIENCE

Centuria, Inc.

Remote

Application Programmer II

Nov, 2023 - Present

- Developer on multiple front and back-end weather systems of the National Data Buoy Center (NWS/NOAA)

Application Programmer I

Nov, 2022 - Nov, 2023

- Coordinated with SOFAR Ocean - a partner organization that sails out drifting buoys - to ingest and process their realtime data in WMO code standard, adding hundreds of new datapoints to our network
- Rewrote MATLAB projects into native Java for AWS cloud migration, saving hundreds a year in licensing fees
- Peer-reviewed the full website redesign, correcting dozens of PHP and JS bugs that would have caused crashes
- Wrote a technical document laying out developer best-practices for sanitizing user input

College of Computing, Georgia Tech

Barcelona, Spain

Study Abroad Program and Teaching Assistant

May, 2022 - Aug, 2022

CHAI Lab, Georgia Tech Research Institute

Remote

Graduate Research Assistant

Aug, 2021 - Dec, 2021

- GRA for CHAI - a lab at GTRI that conducts natural language processing tasks for CDC healthcare projects
- Webscraped and parsed hundreds of companies' return-to-work policies with BeautifulSoup and spaCy
- Tracked Covid-19 infections through thousands of doctors' notes using Python, aiding the CDC's health response

Assurant, Inc

Remote

Data Science Intern

May, 2021 - Aug, 2021

- Lead a research initiative to reduce client round-trip times by caching machine learning model decisions, achieving an over 50% speed reduction in client SLA time
- Presented methodology, data visualizations, and statistic conclusions to technical and non-technical VPs
- Documented IBM Fairness 360's efficacy in reducing model biases, motivating a future bias-reduction project

EDUCATION

Georgia Institute of Technology

Atlanta, GA

MS, Computer Science

Dec, 2021

- GPA: 3.8
- TA for Natural Language Processing

BS, Computer Science

Dec, 2020

- GPA: 3.9

PROJECTS

Culinary Recipe Generation: Compared quality of recipes generated with a GPT transformer versus custom Keras RNNs

Video Stabilizer: Smoothed video motion by translating a novel Linear Program equation into a Python application

Gait Evolution: Simulated and recorded the types of locomotion a body evolves through genetic algorithms

SKILLS

Programming: Python (PyTorch, PySpark, Scikit-Learn, TensorFlow, NLTK, Flask), Java, SQL, C, Javascript, Bash, MATLAB

Technical: Jupyter, Databricks, Tableau, Docker, Latex, MySQL, MongoDB, Rest API, AWS S3

World Languages: English (Native), Portuguese (Native/Spoken), Spanish (Advanced)

Hobbies/Volunteer: Reading (SciFi, History), Watch Repair, Homebrewing, Group Facilitator, Volunteer Webmaster