Brendan Zhao

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Education

B.A.Sc. Computer Engineering Co-op - University of Waterloo

Sept 2012 - Apr 2017

- Relevant Courses: Distributed Computing, Computer Security, Operating Systems, Compilers, Networks, Cooperative/Adaptive Algorithms, Algorithms and Data Structures, among others
- Cumulative average of ~80%

Work Experience

■ Uber - Software Engineer Intern

Sept 2016 - Dec 2016

• Helping UberRush make their Ubers rush

Twitter - Software Engineer Intern

Sept 2015 - Dec 2015

- Developed multiple new UI components including wide profile cards, and top Tweet galleries
- Launched a new set of search result pages that displays extra information for point of interests
- Implemented multiple enhancements to the Moments web experience including the addition of tweet statistics, pivot reductions, logged out moments tab, sharing, and the Moment cover side-rail
- · Overhauled and normalized the entirety of all client and server-side scribing for the Moments web experience

Yelp - Software Engineer Intern

Jan 2015 - Apr 2015

- Independently launched the new Elite Renomination workflow for Elite users at yelp.com/elite/renominate as well as the internal admin workflows to handle the new process
- Re-wrote their internal bulk email export tool into modular components while adding non trivial features such as support for their biz app users, filter type logging, inline input, and inline downloads
- Other minor projects including simplifying the email subscriptions page, and creating new city setup scripts

Minted - Software Engineer Intern

May 2014 - Aug 2014

- Implemented core functionality of a new REST API to handle post-order systems including order cancellations, shipping modifications, and printer rejections
- Integrated automatic SalesForce case creation in the fulfillment systems to drive customer support workflows
- Other minor projects including developing a series of admin tools to aggregate order data, updating the self-serve phone API, and implementing rush shipping for their Father's day promotion

IBM - Software Developer Intern

Sept 2013 - Dec 2013

Worked on infrastructure projects to transition data stores to Netezza from Microsoft SQL Server

Trans Plus - Software Developer Intern

Jan 2013 - Apr 2013

Worked on backend projects to to support a new automated error reporting system

Skills

Languages: Python, Scala, and JavaScript with exposure to Java, C#, C++, C, PHP, SQL, HTML, and CSS Tools of choice: Mac OSX, Unix, Sublime, Vim, IntelliJ, Git, Jira, Jenkins, and Reviewboard among others

Interests

Outside of software engineering, I'm passionate about dance, guitar, and travelling. I actively participated in the breakdance, hip hop dance, and kpop dance clubs during my time at the University of Waterloo. Some people also know me as a mediocre guitar player and an avid traveller who loves to set his sights on new adventures!