

# Benjamin Vacek

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## EDUCATION

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### University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

*Bachelor of Science in Econometrics and Quantitative Economics*  
*Minor in Business*

**Exp. Graduation:**  
**May 2021**

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

*Research Assistant*

**Jan. 2019-Present**

- Developed a program for analyzing over 10,000 SEC filings using Python and AWS
- Results are being used in a research paper on law and public policy

### Flinn Scientific, Inc.

*Intern*

**Jun. 2018 - Aug. 2018**

- Assisted in managing inventory for the company's warehouse
- Learned the importance of inventory control

### Kohls

*Cashier*

**Nov. 2015 - Jan. 2019**

- Cooperated with others to create an efficient checkout experience
- Communicated directly with customers and advertised for a customer credit program

## CLUBS and PROJECTS

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### Basic Interactions - ([www.basicinteractions.com](http://www.basicinteractions.com))

*Business Developer*

**Jan. 2019 - Present**

- Created a business plan and conducted customer research
- Communicated results to investors through detailed presentations

### Illini Service Dogs

*Volunteer Trainor*

**Sep. 2017- May 2018**

- Trained service dogs to assist the disabled
- Assisted with fundraising events such as a \$1 Pet-a-Pup which raised over \$200

### Reddit Unlocked Project - ([github.com/RedditUnlocked](https://github.com/RedditUnlocked))

*Project Lead*

**Aug. 2017- Dec. 2017**

- Wrote a program to collect and analyze data from the news and media site Reddit
- Presented our project in front of 100 other students

## SKILLS

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**Programming:** Python (Advanced), Java (Intermediate), Linux Environments (Intermediate), AWS (Novice)