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Education

University of Colorado Boulder

Boulder, CO

M.S., Computer Science August 2017 - 2019 (expected)

Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya

Barcelona, Spain

B.S., Computer Science (8.7/10)

September 2013 - July 2017

Courses: Data Mining, Data Compression, Programming Languages, Software architecture, Databases,
 Parallelism, Project Management, Web architecture, Android, NoSQL databases, Reflective programming.

Experience

• Project EPIC, University of Colorado Boulder

Research intern, February 2017 - present

- Analyzed 2000 tweets/minute of real time data by building Big Data pipeline using Spark, Kafka and Cassandra.
- Developed as part of my B.S. thesis work on Big Data analytics and container orchestration system.
- Deployed system prototype with Kubernetes using custom microservices written in Go and Python

• inLab FIB

Web Development Intern, March 2015 - January 2017

- Built REST API for faculty data - Average usage of 25.000 daily accesses. (Django, Python)

- Reduced Oracle SQL query response time by 1/3 using non-blocking updates and materialized views.
- Designed and built professor input app for schedule generator. (Flask, Python)

• con terra GmbH Intern, Summer 2015

- Developed bike share routing app using OpenStreetMap open data and Citibikes API. (Javascript)

• YMCA of Greater Indianapolis

Summer camp counselor, Summer 2013 & 2014 & 2016

- Supervised groups of approximately 12 campers in resident camp setting

Projects

• gTweetMap, a tool for the Geolocation of social Movements

Spring 2013

- Built geolocated tweets tracker app to study social movements.

Leadership

- HackUPC, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya Co-Director and organizer, November 2015 present
 - Co-directed Spain's biggest student hackathon with 500 attendees and a 20 people core team.
 - Directed web development team with 5 person team for 2 editions.
- HackCU, University of Colorado Boulder

Tech and event operations, February 2017 - present

Awards

- Balsells Fellowship. (2017, two years of funding for graduate studies)
- Balsells Mobility program. (2017, five months of funding for research)
- Finalist project at OxfordHack 2016. (2016)
- Nine distinction awards during B.S. (2013-2017, awarded to 5% top students per class)
- 52North Innovation Incentive Award for gTweetMap. (2013)

Skills

- Programming: Java, Python Experience with: Go, C++, Ruby, Ruby on Rails, Javascript, Android, Django, Flask, SQL, HTML, CSS, Git, Scrum, Haskell, Smalltalk, Spark, Kafka, Kubernetes, Scala
- Native: Catalan, Spanish Advanced: English
- Hobbies: Photography, Roller hockey, Travel, Amateur Illusionist, Reading books, Piano, Swim,
- Hackathon participation: OxfordHack, BrumHack 4.0, MHacks 9, HackJunction, T9Hacks