# **Cassidy Laidlaw**

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### **Education**

## **University of Maryland, College Park**

2014 - 2018

- Computer science/math double degree, Middle East studies minor, GPA 4.00.
- Selected as one of top five graduating seniors for "academic distinction, exemplary character, and service to the campus or public communities."

# **Software Development Experience**

#### App Developer, Why Weight?

March 2018 - Present

- Building an app to help clients of Why Weight, a weight loss and life coaching company.
- Implemented features to let users track their weight, log food and water intake, and message the company's life coaches.
- Writing the app in React Native with a Django backend hosted in AWS.

# **Insider Threat Analysis Tool**, Center for Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism

November 2016 - Present

• Building a tool to analyze insider threats in airport cargo systems with a team of three other developers.

- Implementing the user interface in JavaFX.
- Meeting with and presenting tool to government officials in Department of Homeland Security, FBI, etc.

#### Web Developer, Builda.co

November 2016 - August 2018

- Built a web-based mentoring platform for entrepreneurs using Django, Bootstrap, and jQuery.
- Used APIs from LinkedIn and Braintree.

#### Other Freelance Software Development Work

June 2014 - Present

• Including mobile app and web development.

# **Data Science and Artificial Intelligence Experience**

# Research at Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems

May 2017 - January 2018

- Improved statistical face models developed at the institute.
- Designed a protocol to capture tens of thousands of 3D scans of human faces.
- Used deep learning to model the relationship between speech and facial motion.

### Intern, Booz Allen Hamilton Inc: "Rumor Has It"

January 2016 – April 2016

- Developed a social media analytics tool of my own design that I had begun in my previous internship.
- Used cutting edge data mining, machine learning, and natural language processing algorithms—some of which I designed myself—to analyze real-time Twitter data in a unique manner.

### **Research in Cross-Lingual Connotation**

January 2016 – March 2016

- Researched differences in word connotation across languages with Prof. Marine Carpuat at the University of Maryland.
- · Worked with Google teraword n-grams and scraped news sites in multiple languages.

### Intern, Booz Allen Hamilton Inc: "Twitter Polygraph"

June 2015 - August 2015

- Served as technical lead on a team that analyzed Twitter data for deceitful behavior with >95% accuracy.
- Designed methods to analyze the data using data mining, statistics, natural language processing, and machine learning.

### Skills

**Programming languages and technologies:** Python, C, Java, OCaml, Racket, VBA, R, PHP, WordPress, JavaScript, jQuery, Angular JS, React, React Native, Django (Python), Google Maps API, Twitter API, LinkedIn API, iOS (Objective-C and Swift), Android, AWS, Heroku, MySQL

**Artificial intelligence and data science:** natural language processing, classification, clustering, data cleaning and preprocessing, automatic summarization, topic modeling, statistical analysis, deep learning

**Other skills:** graphic design, video editing, 3D modeling, animation

### **Honors and Awards**

**University of Maryland University Medal Finalist:** selected as one of five finalists for the highest honor that the university can bestow on an undergraduate student based on the criteria of "academic distinction, exemplary character, and service to the campus or public communities."

**Gemstone Honors Program Most Valuable Team Member:** selected as the student who contributed most to my research team out of all students in my honors program.