# **Charlie Holtz**

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## **EDUCATION**

**Brown University**Providence, RI
Bachelor of Science in Cognitive Neuroscience, Computational Track
May 2018

Bachelor of Science in Cognitive Neuroscience, Computational Track Honors, Nominated to Sigma Xi (Scientific Research Honor Society)

Courses: Software Engineering, Functional Programming, Data Fluency, Computational Cognition

**Cumulative GPA:** 3.49/4.00

**Harvard Graduate School of Design**Cambridge, MA

Design Discovery Program in Architecture Summer 2017

Fieldston High School June 2013

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

## **Serre Lab in Computational Vision**

Research Assistant, Web Developer

Providence, RI 2016-Present

- Awarded honors and Sigma Xi Honor Society for thesis on modeling Grid Illusions
- Modeled the visual system in the context of optical illusions, increasing relative accuracy from 75 to 80% by implementing excitation and inhibition between receptive fields in Python
- Led a redesign effort of Brown's Cognitive, Linguistic, and Psychological Sciences website.

Tradeweb Markets
Tokyo, Japan

Market Analyst Intern

Fall 2017

- Wrote Python scripts to scrape data on recent trades, increasing data collection speed 10x
- Presented weekly reports on trends in East Asian bond markets
- Updated head of East Asian Markets on cryptocurrency developments

**Zone Digital**Data Analytics Intern
London, England
Summer 2016

• Created SQL database of 500+ UK competitors, and presented weekly on insights

#### SELECTED PROJECTS

#### Modeling of the Visual Stream in the Hermann Grid — Honors Thesis, Spring 2018

- Improved accuracy of computational models of the visual cortex by 5%
- Proposed a new biological explanation for the illusory strength of Grid Illusions

# **Stuff Goin' Down** — Software Engineering Final Project, Spring 2018

- Collaborated to create an interactive life map of the world's breaking news, organized by sentiment
- Create user and sentiment analyzer classes in Java, built user up/down voting functionality

# **Brown University Cognitive Science Departmental Website** — Paid Project, Fall 2018

- Primary developer (UI, site organization, copy) for Brown's new departmental website for <u>Cognitive</u>, <u>Linguistic</u>, and <u>Psychological Sciences</u>.
- Built on Drupal, with certain pages requiring custom HTML/CSS

## **EXTRA-CURRICULAR / LEADERSHIP**

- Ultimate Frisbee A Team leadership committee finishing 5th in nation in 2018
- Selected as a Meiklejohn Peer Advisor to advise and support incoming first-years
- Architecture & Design Teacher at the Wheeler High School

## **References:**

Dr. Thomas Serre , Brown University – <a href="mailto:thomas\_serre@brown.edu">thomas\_serre@brown.edu</a>
Paul Worthy Managing Director of Tradeweb Japan – <a href="mailto:paul.worthy@tradeweb.com">paul.worthy@tradeweb.com</a>