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EDUCATION

University of Waterloo – Candidate for BaSc. in Mechatronics Engineering, Option in Management Sciences

- Cumulative Average – 91.2%
- Engineering Dean's List – Ranked 4th out of 135

SKILLS

Software

- Work Experience: Android (Java), Windows (C#), iOS (Swift), MATLAB
- Project Experience: Python, C++, C, Assembly, Github
- Basic Experience: iOS (Objective-C), HTML, CSS, JS, Arduino, VBA

Computer Aided Design

- Basic AutoCAD and SOLIDWORKS

Languages

- Fluent in English; Intermediate Japanese; Basic Chinese and French

Other

- Research, Technical Writing, Latex

WORK & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant - Prof. McKay (Dept. Management Sciences) (January 2014 – April 2014)

- Android Development: independently developed a mobile Android app to assist the rehabilitation of people who have suffered a specific type of stroke (reading disorder – pure alexia)
- Literature Review: summarized known literature of rehabilitative techniques of pure alexia and their efficacies (15 pages)
- Software Documentation: responsible for the full software life cycle, including functional specification, design specification, code development, testing, user manual, validation with stroke patient (documentation exceeded 150 pages)
- Research: Continuing the work with Professor McKay on my free time in order to publish at a conference

Microsoft - Software Engineering Intern (September 2014 – December 2014)

- Algorithms and Data Structures: designed and implemented algorithms and data structures for generating suggested content in the form of mini photo albums from the user's device's photo album based on the metadata of each photo
- Custom UI/UX Features on Mobile App: Improved the UI and UX experience on the Android client application, creating custom gestures features, animations, UI elements, etc.

Microsoft - Software Engineering Intern (May 2015-August 2015)

- End-to-End Mobile Software Development: independent developer of the Windows 10 version of Office Lens, an image processing app that can scan documents, whiteboards, etc. on your mobile device with real-time edge detection
- Features Development: camera and orientation sensor integration, UI, image processing library integration, testing/optimization of image-processing and real-time edge detection speeds, concurrency, memory optimization and management, image encoding/decoding, OneNote API service integration, fixing bugs, etc.

Research Assistant - Prof. McKay (Dept. Management Sciences) (May 2016 – August 2016)

- iOS Development/Mental Health Research: started new project with Dr. Marsha Linehan of the University of Washington and the Linehan Institute
 - Creating a software application that is used alongside traditional dialectical behavioral therapy (DBT - used to treat people with various mental health illnesses) on iOS

Research Assistant - Prof. Smith (Dept. Electrical & Computer Engineering) (September 2016 – April 2016)

- Currently working on an optimal sweeping coverage path planning algorithm with an altitude/image resolution controller for UAVs and planning to publish in a conference as lead author

SIDE PROJECTS (FULL LIST ON MY WEBSITE)

- **RAND Research (November 2017 – April 2017)**
 - Coauthoring and researching on policing strategies (focused deterrence, hot-spots policing, etc.)
- **Machine Learning**
 - Completed machine learning course (Stanford/Coursera)
 - Several projects including: recipe recommender, predicting survival on Titanic, digit recognition with neural network (MNIST dataset)
- **AI for Robotics Course** (CS 373 from Georgia Tech/Udacity) (Ongoing)
 - Learned: Monte Carlo Localization, Kalman Filters
 - Will Learn: Particle Filters, Search, PID Control, and SLAM
- **Hackathons**
 - Diagnostic and rehabilitative app for foot/gait problems (using a sock with pressure sensors and accelerometers) (PennApps 2015)
 - Multi-platform Android fitness application (ChromeCast/Android TV, Mobile, and Wear) (Top 6 in JPHacks 2014)
 - Bluetooth chat system that prevents harassment on Japanese trains (Top 5 in Japan TechCrunch 2014)

EXTRACURRICULARS & VOLUNTEERING

- Mentor at hackathons and an ideathon (DMTC & Microsoft – Fall 2014, Summer 2015)
- Engineering and Robotics Outreach (RoboGals & UW - Winter 2014, Summer & Fall 2015)

AWARDS

- 2015 President's Research Award (first year average at least > 80% and for doing a research assistantship during study term)
- 2014 International Experience Award (first year average at least > 80% & international internship)
- 2013 President's Scholarship of Distinction (entrance average of at least > 95%)
- 2013 Dr. B. Mabel Dunham Award (highest average in high school among females)
- 2011 Business/Entrepreneurship Award (for computer science studies)
- 2011 Gold Medal in Waterloo Science and Engineering Fair for Biotechnology