# David Pagurek van Mossel

University of Waterloo Software Engineering

## Work

Software Developer Intern, **Shopify**, May-August 2015

- Developed Ruby scripts to transform and load sales data from sharded MySQL databases into central MySQL and Postgres databases on Amazon Web Services
- Introduced new language constructs in the Shopify Query Language parser allowing granular querying of data in Go and Ruby
- Awarded finalist in Shopify Hack Days with an iOS app version of the Shopify home feed in React Native

# **Projects**

Axis, winner of Waterloo EngHack Winter 2015

A webapp for keyframed animation

- Created a stickman with draggable joints in Paper.js for making flipbooks
- Developed algorithms to automatically interpolate frames between key poses for stickmen on the canvas
- Built a site in Perl and Mojolicious to share exported gifs and fork existing animations

#### **Chordi.co**, made at PennApps XII, 2015

A webapp for using machine learning to procedurally generate music

- Algorithmically parsed MIDI note data into sequences of chords
- Loaded chords into a PyBrain neural network to learn patterns in chord progressions and generate songs
- Visualized songs in 3D using CSS to build cubes from transformed divs

#### Frontier, 2015

A procedurally generated landscape art project

• Designed landscape components as recursive fractals and rendered them in Processing, later adapted for the responsive web in JavaScript

#### **XCalc**, 2013-2014

A graphing calculator webapp and JavaScript algebra/calculus library

- Modelled a Computer Algebra System in JS as a binary expression tree
- Developed recursive algorithms to evaluate mathematical expressions and perform symbolic differentiation
- Built an interactive, responsive graphing calculator interface using HTML, CSS and JavaScript

# Leadership Experience

- Organizer, **Tech Retreat**, a hackathon for high school students, 2015
- Organizer, **TerribleHack I and II**, a hackathon for programming for its own sake rather than for a practical purpose, 2015
- Instructor, Virtual Ventures Camp, Faculty of Engineering, Carleton University, 2012-2013

## **About**

Programmer, web developer, digital artist, and Regular Expression enthusiast

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## **Skills**

- Demonstrated expertise with HTML, (S)CSS, and JavaScript
- Extensive experience with Git, Ruby, C++, Perl, Python, Linux, SQL, and Apache
- Passion for creative approaches to visual and algorithmic design problems
- Highly proficient with Adobe CS4+ for design and animation
- Enthusiastic, self-motivated learner and active team leader and contributor

# **Awards**

- University of Waterloo President's Scholarship, 2014
- Top 25% distinction on the Canadian Computing Competition, senior division, 2013 - 2014
- Jerry Dermer Memorial Prize in Engineering, 2014
- Ottawa-Carleton District School Board Silver Medal, 2010-2014