Derrek Chow



SKILLS

Languages — Python, JavaScript, Ruby, C++, Clojure, PHP, SQL, Cypher, HTML/CSS Frameworks/Libraries — React, Redux, Rails, Node, Backbone.js, Flask, jQuery, Neo4j Design — UI/UX design, ideation, graphic & brand design, software & hardware prototyping

EXPERIENCE

National Taiwan University — Undergraduate Research Assistant

Jan. 2021 — present

· Demonstrating new applications of ungrounded force feedback using air jet technology

University of Waterloo — Undergraduate Research Assistant

Sept. 2020 — present

Prototyping alternative forms of virtual assistants and interactions based on high controllability

StackAdapt — Software Engineering Intern

Sept. — Dec. 2019

- Created and shipped a new billing system and payment UI for 1,800+ invoice and credit clients
- Designed, developed, and shipped an internal reminder feature with React, Redux, and Rails to increase StackAdapt account managers' productivity in tracking 5,100+ ad campaigns
- Improved a Rails auditing process resulting in a 10x speedup and higher reporting accuracy

Desire2Learn (D2L) — Software Developer Intern

Jan. — Apr. 2019

- Created a real-time Node.js annotation tool for professors to easily gauge students' concerns
- Developed an Ionic app to facilitate employee feedback using Flask and Neo4j graph database

Tulip Retail — Full Stack Developer Intern

May — Aug. 2018

 Architected and implemented a feature for customers to control their communication permissions with JavaScript and Framework7 in accordance with GDPR

PROJECTS

UW Flow (uwflow.com) ✓

Designed a course review platform with 10 million total page views and 30k+ monthly users

Mental Models of Al Agents (paper) ∕

Conducted a study and built an Al agent to compare mental vs. conceptual models in a grad course

Computational Art /

Created visual and audio explorations in art and technology with Pt.js and Processing

EDUCATION

University of Waterloo — Bachelor of Software Engineering

2017 - 2022

Selected courses: User Interfaces, Human-Computer Interaction, Experimental Methods in HCI (graduate)

Interests — Muay Thai, boxing, cooking, music, film, design, tools for thought & the future of HCI