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Education

Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey

B.S. in Mechatronics Engineering January 2011 - May 2015

GPA: 92/100. Graduated with honors.

Additional coursework

Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Statistics. August 2016 - May 2017 (expected)

Graduate level coursework on inference, sampling, experimental design among others.

Universitat de Barcelona

Smart Cities and Universal Design Certificate. Winter 2014

Grade: 100/100.

Experience

Krieger. Mexico City

Backend Engineer. June 2016 - Present

- Lead a team of 4 to develop a Content Management System for a back office management company
- Developed RESTful Web Services using Python and Google Cloud

Center for Data Science and Public Policy (University of Chicago). Chicago, IL.

Data Science Fellow. May 2015 - June 2016

- Built data pipelines using Python, PostgreSQL, PostGIS and Docker
- Designed a predictive model for Infonavit (largest mortgage provider in Mexico) to predict home abandonment. Worked with more than 100GB of data.
- Developed a Machine Learning model for the City of Cincinnati to find properties at risk of blight using spatiotemporal data. Worked with more than 50GB of data.

Fritime. Mexico City.

CTO and co-founder. January 2014 - May 2015

- Lead a technical team of 3 people
- Programmed web services for our iOS app
- Engineered the iOS app prototype for our seed investment round

Independent Mobile App Developer. Mexico City.

June 2011 - January 2014

- Developed several 'civic apps' for iOS to provide easy access to legal regulations (e.g. traffic law) to prevent corruption

Publications

- K. Ackermann, **E. Blancas Reyes**, S. He, T. Anderson Keller, P. van der Boer, R. Khan, R. Ghani. Designing Policy Recommendations to Reduce Home Abandonment in Mexico. In Proceedings of the 22nd ACM SIGKDD International Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining, KDD '16.
- **E. Blancas Reyes**, J. Helsby, K. Rasch, P. van der Boer, L. Haynes, R. Ghani, E. Cunningham. Early detection of properties at risk of blight using spatiotemporal data. Data for Policy 2016 at University of Cambridge.

Volunteering/Open Source

sklearn-evaluation. June 2016-Present

- Developed Python package to evaluate Machine Learning models.
- Currently working in the migration to the official **scikit-learn contrib organization**

Stanford Crowd Course Initiative. May 2016

- Volunteered for to weeks to design the **Practical Machine Learning with Python** course.
- Designed sections of the syllabus and provided code examples using scikit-learn and pandas.

Awards

- 2016 – Fulbright-García Robles scholarship recipient
- 2011-2015 – *Academic talent* scholarship for undergraduate studies at Tecnológico de Monterrey
- 2015 – CENEVAL National Performance Excellence Award
- 2014 – Reto GobMX - Obtained a contract with the Federal Government of Mexico through an open competition
- 2014 – 1st Place in HackDF (Mexico City's Government)
- 2013 – Honorific Mention 3rd Prize to Innovation in Transparency (World Bank, INAI)
- 2011 – Honorific Mention in *App 115* Challenge (Mexico's Chamber of Deputies)
- 2011 – Physics and Mathematics Honors Program at Monterrey Tech

Skills

Advanced	Python, R, Objective-C
Intermediate	UNIX, SQL, Bash, Scala, PostGIS
Basic	C, Matlab, Java, Docker, MongoDB, Apache Spark, Android