James Gan







Education

Georgia Institute of Technology | M.S. Computer Science | GPA: 4.00

January 2019-December 2020

Specialization: Machine Learning

University of Washington | Coursework Towards M.S. | GPA: 3.95

August 2018-March 2019

Project-focused Technology Innovation program for design thinking, technology development, and entrepreneurship

Cornell University | B.A. Economics, Computer Science Minor | GPA: 3.46

May 2018

Major: Economics. Minors: Computer Science (9 courses), Information Science (7 courses), Asian American Studies

Experience

PayPal | Software Engineer 2

January 2020-Current

- Working on the Java Frameworks team using Spring, Spring Reactor, Reactive Systems, Maven, and Kafka to create
 highly scalable infrastructure for the majority of PayPal's microservices, messaging, and batch applications
- Support development of the frameworks and libraries for ~1000 applications that service 40 billion requests a day

Georgia Institute of Technology | Graduate Teaching Assistant

August 2019-December 2019

- Facilitated teaching the graduate CS course, Knowledge Based Artificial Intelligence, helped automate grading process
- Advised and graded 50 students, and contributed 20% of Instructor Responses on Piazza for the 600 student course

PayPal | Software Engineering Intern

May 2019-August 2019

- Wrote best practices code and documentation to support rollout of Reactive Programming to 7000+ Java developers
- Organized a Blockchain reading group, gave talks on technical subjects in Blockchain to the CTO and Innovation Lab
- Awarded a PayPal top 100 Global Innovators award for a company-wide innovation tournament

University of Washington | Graduate Research Assistant

August 2018-May 2019

- Expanded a software extension's API for Computer Aided Design of advanced tactile maps for the visually impaired
- Used Python to automate conversion of OpenStreetMap data into SVGs and 3D geospatial models using Fusion 360

Practice Makes Perfect | Software Developer Intern | Cornell Entrepreneurship Program Summer 2017

- Created web scraping and automation software in Python, BS4, and Selenium to identify clients for consulting services
- Pitched to C-Suite; facilitated product launch including end-user documentation, unit testing, and employee training

Projects

SXSW Hackathon Prize | Al Travel Recommendation Mobile App | Python, Flask, REST API

Spring 2019

Developed a REST API backend to handle gathering and processing artificial intelligence results to power an iOS app

Google Cloud Platform Hackathon Prize | Data Visualization App | d3.js, Javascript

Fall 2018

Led project goals and priorities, architected visualizations, and taught team members d3.js and data visualization

Bancor Research Paper | R, Solidity, Blockchain

Spring 2018

- Correctly predicted a vulnerability that resulted in \$25m USD hacked from an automated cryptocurrency exchange
- Confirmed the existence of price inaccuracies from distributed lag, missing terms of price volatility and price shocks

BlackRock Hackathon Prize | RoboAdvisor | Python, Node.JS, Aladdin REST API

Fall 2017

Designed and developed a Microsoft Bot Framework RoboAdvisor to analyze real time risk data of investor portfolios

Bloomberg Hackathon Prize | Travel Web App | Python, Django, Bloomberg

Fall 2014

Drove product strategy and quality assurance for a travel site using real time financial data to calculate adjusted costs