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George Steel

Technologies and Languages

Languages: C++, JavaScript, Haskell, Python, SQL, TEX

Technologies: WebAnimations, Blink, WPT, CSSWG specs, Warp, OAuth, Persistent/Esqueleto, Postgres/CockroachDB, React-native, Flask

Education

2010 – 2016 **University of Toronto**, *Hon. B. Sc. in Mathematics*.
- Minors in Computer Science and Biology.
- Graduated with High Distinction (GPA 3.9).

Employment History

Jun 2019 – Nov 2020 **Software Developer**, *Chrome Animations*, Google Canada.
- Helped complete and launch the WebAnimations API, giving a unified script interface to all declarative animations.
- Numerous bugfixes and optimizations including allowing percentage transform animations (sidebars and some popups) to run off-thread, reducing jank across the internet.

Nov 2017 – Feb 2019 **Full-stack Software Developer**, *Satsuma Labs*.
- Created a prototype mobile application using a Haskell backend and a React-Native frontend.
- Developed a number of open-source libraries furthering the Haskell web service and react-native ecosystems. (Available at `https://github.com/SatsumaLabs`)

May 2016 – May 2017 **Software Developer**, *Peter Jurgec*, Linguistics, University of Toronto.
- Created browser-based educational software used in introductory phonology courses (`http://phonology.us/`).
- Rewrote and further developed a research tool for analyzing the relative frequency of sound patterns. This involved finite automata and maximum entropy machine learning. (Available at `https://github.com/george-steel/maxent-learner`)

Sept 2014 – May 2016 **Private tutoring**.
Helped a student overcome her difficulties and pass multiple specialist-level math courses she had failed on her previous attempts.

Sept 2013 – Mar 2014 **IT Assistant**, *ENAGB Youth Program*, Native Canadian Centre of Toronto.
Created a responsive website for the ENAGB program (featuring a dynamic events calendar) along with a variety of promotional materials (posters, brochures, business cards, etc.) for the program.

Summer 2011, 2012 **Summer Research Assistant**, *Gilbert Walker*, Chemistry, University of Toronto.
Performed spectroscopy and microscopy supporting research into creating nanoparticle based markers for medical diagnostic use, improving the sensitivity non-destructive procedures for determining particle shape.

Summer 2010 **Intern**, *Kerr Vayne Systems*.
Created a web application to stream real-time data for schedule display in a broadcast automation system.

Releases and Publications

2019 **persistent-spatial**, `https://github.com/SatsumaLabs/persistent-spatial`.
A type for storing and indexing geographic coordinates which can be used with any database which supports Word64.

2017 **Maxent Phonotactic Learner**, `https://github.com/george-steel/maxent-learner`.
A tool for automatically inferring phonotactic grammars from a lexicon and using those grammars to generate random text, based on Hayes and Wilson's *A Maximum Entropy Model of Phonotactics and Phonotactic Learning*.

2017 **frpnow-gtk3**, `https://hackage.haskell.org/package/frpnow-gtk3`.
High-level interface for GTK3 with FRPNow integration.

2016 – 2017 **PhonoApps**, *with Peter Jurgec*, `http://phonology.us/`.
Computational and learning tools for phonologists.