Grant Skaggs

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Education

May 2022 University of Texas at Austin, Turing Scholar Honors Program

B.S. Computer Science & B.S. Mathematics; GPA: 3.97

Experience

Summer **Duolingo**, Software Engineering Intern

2020 • Working as a software engineering intern for the language learning company Duolingo

Summer University of Texas at Austin, Undergraduate Research Assistant

2019 • Applied recurrent neural networks to the problem of cache data prefetching in modern computer architectures

• Working under Dr. Calvin Lin, developed and tuned a two-layer LSTM neural model using TensorFlow and Python to predict prefetched addresses

— Mentorship

Fall 2020 UT Computer Science Department, Pod Mentor

• Will lead a small group of first year CS students in a weekly seminar to help build CS community and connect students to CS-specific resources

Summer Austin Chinese Educational Services, Course Instructor

2019 • Led introductory Python and Scratch courses for elementary and middle school students; designed the course objectives and curriculum; taught daily lectures; helped students with their course projects

— Projects

June 2019 - RayTracer, C++

Jan. 2020 • Developed a ray-tracer in C++ to render 3-Dimensional scenes

• Implemented features: Polygonal meshes, 3D object rotation/distortion, recursive reflection and refractions, point and directional lighting, multithreading, variable material types, shadows, specular and diffuse shading

Dec 2018 Webcrawler, Java

• Designed a Java application for web crawling, page indexing, and search

• Included a graphical user interface, page-ranking features, and a robust web query parser

Spring 2018 Plexus, Java

 $\bullet\,$ Designed and built a 2D side-scrolling PC game in Java

• Finished Top 15 at the BPA Nationals Software Engineering Team competition

Skills

Proficient Languages: C/C++, Java, Python, Git, Swift, Bash

CS Coursework: Algorithms, Data Structures, Operating Systems, Computer Architecture, Discrete Math, Computer Graphics, Competitive Programming, Research in Computer Architecture

Honors / Awards

Academic: National Merit Scholar, National AP Scholar, Phi Beta Kappa Scholarship, CLHS Valedictorian

STEM: AIME Qualifier, Science Olympiad Gold Medalist, USACO Gold Ranking, HackTX CDK Global Award