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#### **EDUCATION**

## **Rutgers University**

New Brunswick, NJ

B.S. in Computer Science

December 2018

• Related Coursework: Systems Programming (present), Internet Technology (present), Info & Data Management (present), Algorithms, Principles of Programming Languages, Intro to AI, Computer Architecture, Discrete Structures I/II, Linear Algebra, Calculus I/II, Data Structures

#### EXPERIENCE

SEMGeeks Belmar, NJ

Web Development Intern

September - December 2017

- Worked closely with web developers and designers to help create websites for small businesses
- Utilized WordPress and HTML/CSS in a professional setting
- Researched malicious PHP scripts that had stolen client information using steganography

## PROJECTS

## Neutral Network Colorizer

Program written in **Python** that attempts to colorized black and white images with a neural network, trained with a variety of color photos.

• Outlined a more realistic goal for the program to achieve - a focus on beach landscape colorization - and accordingly trained the network on a more specific data set.

# Probabilistic Search Program

**Python** program that finds a particular cell in a grid, despite a ranging likelihood of false-positives for each cell and being limited to orthogonal movement

- Decreased average search time by replacing a priority-queue-based movement system with a matrix informed by a changing belief state and the program's current "search position"
- Increased likelihood of a hit when the program is searching the correct cell by applying the likelihood of a false negative to Bayes' Theorem

# Cache Simulator

Program written in  $\mathbf{C}$  that efficiently parses pseudo-memory text files, utilizing bit indexing, locality algorithms, and masking techniques

#### Campus Activities

# Undergraduate Student Alliance of Computer Scientists

Piscataway, NJ

Mentor/Member

September 2016 - present

- Mentoring a group of six computer science majors on Bash commands, data structures, Git, and various other topics
- Assisting computer science first-years with their coursework
- Working with members of the Rutgers computer science community to plan community events, seminars, and hackathons

HackRU Piscataway, NJ
Volunteer May 2017

• Assisted hackers throughout the event with technical issues, specifically regarding **Python** and **Java** errors

### SKILLS

- **Programming Languages:** Proficient in Java and Python; Confident in C/C++; Familiar with JavaScript, PHP, HTML/CSS, and Lisp (Scheme)
- Technology and Software: Git, Node.js, WordPress, Bootstrap, Unity, LibGDX, LATEX, MongoDB