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## EDUCATION

### University of Cambridge | M.Phil. in Advanced Computer Science

October 2019 - July 2020 | Cambridge, United Kingdom | *Pass with Distinction*

### Rice University | B.S. in Computer Science | School of Engineering

August 2015 - May 2019 | Houston, TX, USA | Honors: *cum laude* (GPA: 3.866/4.0)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Stripe | Software Engineer | October 2020 - Present | San Francisco, CA

### Microsoft | Software Engineer Intern | June 2019 - August 2019 | Redmond, WA

- Created a service to allow TCP traffic between sites on different VMs in Azure Premium App Service plans. [C#, C++]

### Microsoft | Software Engineer Intern | May 2018 - August 2018 | Bellevue, WA

- Built a manager for a pool of pre-provisioned VMs to improve scaling times in Azure App Service Environments. [C#, SQL]

### Optum Technologies | Software Development Intern | June 2017 - August 2017 | Boston, MA

- Built a chatbot that integrated with biometric sensors and a SQL database to gather information about patients. [Python]

## TEACHING

My responsibilities as an undergraduate teaching assistant (TA) at Rice University consisted of assisting in weekly lab sessions, holding weekly office hours for students, and grading assignments. In 2018, I won the *Department of Computer Science Junior Merit Scholarship* for my teaching, research, and academic efforts.

### TA for Statistical Machine Learning [Graduate Level] | Spring 2019 | Rice University

- Support vector machines, neural networks, hidden Markov models, and reinforcement learning. [Python]

### TA for Fundamentals of Parallel Programming (2x) | Spring 2018, Spring 2019 | Rice University

- Abstract models of parallel systems, parallel algorithms, and common parallel programming patterns. [Java]

### TA for Intro to Program Design (2x) | Fall 2017, Fall 2018 | Rice University

- Introductory functional programming, test-driven development, object-oriented design. [Java]

## RESEARCH

### Systems Research Group | November 2019 - July 2020 | University of Cambridge

- Supervised by Dr. Eiko Yoneki. Received a *Distinction* for my master's thesis, titled *Model-Based Reinforcement Learning for Computer Systems*.

### BOLD (Big-data and Optical Lightpaths Driven) Lab | January 2017 - August 2017 | Rice University

- Supervised by Dr. Eugene Ng. Worked on proofs and extensions to the HyperOptics datacenter architecture.
- Received *Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher Award - Honorable Mention* from the Computing Research Association.

## ACTIVITIES

### Rice University NCAA Division I Men's Basketball | June 2015 - January 2017 | Rice University

- Competed as a small forward for a program that plays AP Top 25 teams. Year round practice and games. Spent two summers training with the team in Houston.
- Awarded the *Commissioner's Academic Medal* by Conference USA in 2016 and 2017.

**Languages:** Python, Java, C, C#, SQL

**Other:** I am an Eagle Scout (Troop 410, 2014)

**Hobbies:** I have juggled flaming torches and I can ride a unicycle