# Hersh Patel

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#### **EDUCATION**

**Rutgers University** 

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Economics, Minor in Mathematics

September 2015 - May 2019

New Brunswick, NJ

- Cumulative GPA: 3.79/4.00; Major GPA: 3.90/4.00
- Honors: Certification in Quantitative Economics, School of Arts and Sciences Honors Program
- Relevant Coursework: Data Structures, Algorithms (expected), Computer Architecture, Principles of Programming

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Bloomberg** Princeton, NJ

Market Data Summer Analyst | Energy and Commodities Team

June 2017 - August 2017

- Engineered a data extraction program in Python with nltk to autonomously gather key data points in 150+ page annual reports
- Built a web scraper in Python using beautiful soup to collect asset data on the top 5 independent power producers for clients
- Expedited ticker creation and mapping workflows by writing Python scripts that yielded a time savings of over 10 hours

**NBCUniversal** Englewood Cliffs, NJ

Data Analytics Intern | Big Data Technologies Team

June 2016 – August 2016

- Analyzed Fandango's customer data, with Hive, to craft a business plan that would increase user retention rate by 40%
- Simplified a manual data retrieval process from 3 hours to 5 minutes by using Amazon S3 to automatically download data
- Identified inconsistencies in Fandango's transactional and log data with Pandas in Python to prepare the data for analytics

# Freelance Website Developer

East Brunswick, NJ

Consultant September 2014 - Present

Financed community presence and improved product marketability of 12 local organizations by revamping their websites

#### **PROJECTS**

# Facial Recognition Platform | Python

June 2017

Predicted the age and gender of a person (png, jpg, gif) with 70% accuracy by utilizing a Keras Neural Network in Python

# Amplifire Entertainment | HTML, CSS, JavaScript

January 2017

Generated a 60% increase in client inquiries by upgrading the website's SEO with a modern parallax scroll interface

#### NBC News Chat Bot | Python

August 2016

Led a 4 person cross-functional team (design, programming, analytics, marketing) in developing a Facebook messenger bot

### **Event Attendance Tracker | Swift**

July 2014

Measured the demographics of events attended by over 10,000 people to improve delegate registration and production logistics

#### **LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES**

#### **TEDxRutgers** New Brunswick, NJ

President | Technology Director

December 2015 - Present

- Collaborated with 20 members to organize annual TEDxRutgers Conferences for 1,000 members of the Rutgers community
- Managed 5 subcommittees (Budgeting, Logistics, Tech, Marketing, Design) and a budget of \$20,000; oversee all operations
- Oversaw all tech needs, including website dev. (tedxrutgers.com), audiovisual systems, and live streaming, for all events

#### Institute of Electric and Electronic Engineers (IEEE)

New Brunswick, NJ

September 2016 – Present

Machine Learning Team

- Discovered stories in datasets by analyzing regression models computed with the Pandas, NumPy, and SciPy, Python libraries
- Interpreted decision tree models and permutation tests with the Random Forest, rpart, and MASS libraries in R to craft stories

#### **Undergraduate Student Alliance of Computer Scientists**

New Brunswick, NJ

Marketing Director (HackRU) | Peer Mentor

January 2016 - August 2016

- Coordinated with 8 teams and 10 sponsors to market a 24-hour hackathon for over 600 students with a \$35,000 budget
- Orchestrated a series of web development tech talks on HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and Bootstrap to educate 80 club members

**BAPS Charities** 

Robbinsville, NJ

Regional Youth Coordinator September 2011 - Present Cultivated a team of 18 members to lead annual regional conventions, which hosted over 3,000 delegates and 400 volunteers

Mentored 15 youth (ages 10-15) in developing public speaking, time management, team building, and communication skills

# **SKILLS & INTERESTS**

Programming: Proficient - Python, Java, C, R, SQL, HTML, CSS, Linux; Familiar - JavaScript, Swift, IA-32, Stata

Tools: Proficient – Bloomberg Terminal, Hadoop, Hive, Eclipse, Bootstrap; Familiar – Spark, Amazon S3

Other Activities: Delta Sigma Pi - Professional Business Fraternity, RU Consulting, Quantitative Finance Club

Interests: Traveling, Kickstarter, Running, Photography, Scenic Driving, Kite Flying, Volunteering