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EDUCATION

Rutgers University

New Brunswick, NJ

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

September 2015 - May 2019

- 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 I 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

▶ Enhanced 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

Machine Learning Team

September 2016 – Present

- 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