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PROJECTS

Dalvonic: This project started as an entry for HackCU 2016. It is an application that uses NLTK to provide a user with visual opinion analysis. Data is taken off Twitter, related by user ID and hashtags, allowing us to display the opinions of a set of users on one or more topics. This was written in Python using the Flask framework.

Linear Algebra Library: I've taken the time to write a C++ library to complete linear algebra functions for data analysis. While some already exist, I used this as an opportunity to further cement my understanding of the maths. With this Library I can take CSV inputs from a data set and end with node coordinates from a spectral clustering algorithm. This allows a user to visualize data similarity and distribution with a front end library such as D3.

Neural Network: I've worked with the N.E.A.T. genetic machine learning algorithm, attempting to optimize energy usage in heating a building. This work was done using C++. My models never reached a level of complexity where the results were usable, but the experience was valuable nonetheless. I am still interested in this problem, and intend to continue development on environmental control algorithms.

SQL Query Work: I've done freelance SQL Query production for a Boulder start-up aiding their new version release. This included writing new queries, updating old queries, and optimizing much of the existing code. This was done in mySQL through SequelPro.

COMPUTER SKILLS

Languages: C++, Python, Bash, SQL, x86 Assembly

Web Development: HTML, JavaScript, css, D3, Flask, tcp/ip

Github: /joerickard

EXPERIENCE

IT Administrator

02/15-10/16

Lab for Atmospheric and Space Physics

Boulder CO

I worked directly with some customers on daily support and worked on improving our back-end services for providing employees with file-shares and backups. This involved significant interaction with LanDesk and Deploy Studio, as well as lower-level interaction with Unix like systems and Windows. This position also required work on internal networking, interacting with much of the tcp/ip protocol suite.

EDUCATION

University of Colorado, Boulder, CO

Seeking Bachelors: Computer Science and Mathematics, expected May 2018

Notable Courses: Data Structures, Algorithms, Data Analysis Algorithms, Calculus 3, Linear Algebra, and Computational Linear Algebra.

New Trier High School, Chicago, IL

Notable Courses: classes in Java and Basic, AP credit earned for Java knowledge, as well as some non-technical fields.