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Education

BS in Computer Science

University of Virginia

Aug 2017 - Dec 2020

- BS in Computer Science, BA in Applied Statistics. Cumulative GPA: 3.94
- Selected Coursework: Machine Learning, Algorithms, Database Systems, Data Structures, Cybersecurity, Internet Privacy, Operating Systems, Linear Models, Linear Algebra, Time Series

Industry Experience

Software Engineer Intern

Facebook

May 2020 - Aug 2020

- Designed and built an internal framework that enables Facebook engineers to create complex, large scale campaigns to simulate the behavior of bad actors and bots on Instagram.
- Implemented support for simulating behavior relating to profile updates, content publishing, engagement, and interactions between Instagram users.

Software Engineer Intern

Leidos

May 2019 - Sept 2019

- Contributed to the development of open source simultaneous localization and mapping (SLAM) libraries in order to reconstruct 3-D point cloud models from real time video streams.
- Led the development of a rust web server capable of directing incoming video data into SLAM processes and directing SLAM data to connected clients.

Academia

Research Assistant

University of Virginia

Sept 2019 - Current

- Investigating the use of MANETs (Mobile Ad Hoc Networks) to enable a connected transport system between autonomous vehicles.
- Developed an Android mobile application to test the feasibility of ad-hoc communication between pedestrians and autonomous vehicles. Discussed the results in my Bachelor Thesis.

Teaching Assistant

University of Virginia

Aug 2018 – May 2019

- Provided assistance on problem sets during lectures to 150 ordinary differential equation students.
- Graded exams, quizzes, and daily homework assignments.

Personal Projects (Source Code Available on Github)

- Watch Scripts A tutorial for executing shell commands on your Linux computer from your smartwatch 45+ stars on Github. Top 20 all time post on a unix subreddit with 260,000+ subscribers.
- Brunnylol A smart bookmarking/search management tool for browsers, inspired by Facebook's bunnylol. Webserver implemented using the Rocket Rust framework and deployed to a VPS.
- Screenshot Actions Implemented OCR and file manipulation actions for the Dunst notification daemon that users interact with through dmenu after taking screenshots 40+ stars on Github.

Technical Skills

- Programming Languages: Python, Rust, Hack, Bash, C++, Java, R, HTML, CSS, SQL
- Linux: Debian, RPM, and Arch based distributions. Shell scripting with bash, zsh, and python.
- Others: Git, Docker, Django, QT, Tkinter, Opency, Numpy, Pandas, Tensorflow, GDB