# JAMES W. PARSONS

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#### **EMPLOYMENT**

## **Software Engineer II**

#### Microsoft

Jan 2019 – Current

- Architected and developed an extensible (plugin model) command-line tool (C#) for desktop developers to code-sign their applications with certificates stored in Azure.
- Developed a command-line tool (C#) that allows users to diagnose compatibility issues with their code-signing certificates, reducing the average resolution time of feedback tickets by several days.
- Performed a competitive analysis between Visual Studio and 20+ products to identify areas of improvement, resulting in 2 new features and 2 new products.
- Managed a remote vendor team responsible for testing of Visual Studio features with 4 quarterly OKRs.
- Increased the pass rate of integration tests to 99.9% by establishing a process for resolving flaky test bugs.
- Mentored 16 college students on growth and resilience over 6 weeks through the MS Tech. Resilience program.
- Founded a social connection committee with 5 members to organize monthly remote-friendly team events.

#### **Graduate Research Assistant**

## E-Crime Investigative Tech. Lab

Jan 2017 - May 2018

- Collaborated with a team of 11 to develop an iOS machine learning data extraction app for law enforcement.
- Programmed 3 data extraction systems based on computer vision and file meta-data analysis using Swift.
- Designed and implemented 7+ iterations of a novel wordbreaking (NLP) algorithm using Python (w/ NLTK).

# VR Developer, Intern

# **Covalent Reality**

Jun 2016 - May 2017

- Led the development of 2 commercial VR experiences using UE4 (C++) and Unity 3D (C#).
- Developed a VR ArchViz template using UE4 (Blueprints) to reduce project initialization labor by ~90%.
- Created video tutorials and hosted weekly seminars to help new hires learn various aspects of VR development.

#### **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

#### Florida State University

Jan 2016 - May 2018

- Delivered lectures to classrooms of 50+ students.
- Guided students through course material in recitations and office hours.
- Courses: Intro. to Programming (C++), Object Oriented Programming (C++), Computer Organization, AI.

### **EDUCATION**

# Tallahassee, FL

Florida State University

May 2015 – Aug 2018

• MS in Computer Science. GPA: 4.0.

### Boston, MA

#### **Boston University**

**Sep 2011 – May 2015** 

• BS in Biomedical Engineering with Minor in Mechanical Engineering. GPA: 3.0.

# **PUBLICATIONS**

- Co-Author: An Empirical Study on Efficiency of a Dictionary Based Viterbi Algorithm for Word Segmentation. 2020 IEEE International Conference on Big Data, 2020.
- Co-Author: A Targeted Data Extraction System for Mobile Devices. Advances in Digital Forensics XV, 2019.

# LANGUAGES AND TECHNOLOGIES

- C#, Python, Javascript, Dart, C++, Swift, Java, C, NodeJS, HTML, CSS.
- Visual Studio, XCode, Android Studio, iOS/Android Development, Unreal Engine 4, Unity 3D.
- Git, Mercurial, Perforce, UNIX, Latex, MATLAB, Azure DevOps, GitHub.