# CHUN-KAI (KEN) KAO

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#### **EDUCATION**

**Stanford University** *M.S. Electrical Engineering*, leave of absence, expected June 2014. GPA: 3.8/4.0

Stanford, CA 3/11 – 6/12

B.S. Electrical Engineering –Software Concentration, June 2012. GPA: 3.8/4.0

9/08 - 6/12

• **Honors**: Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society, CS247: Human-Computer Interaction Final Competition 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Guest lecturer for EE100: The Electrical Engineering Profession

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### **Republic of China Marine Corps**

Kaohsiung, Taiwan

Software Engineer

10/12 – present

- Develop and maintain military simulations (also informally known as wargames)
- Lecture to marines officers on operating the military simulations
- Manage and maintain all software and hardware infrastructure

#### Palantir Technologies, Leading Data Integration & Analysis Platform

Palo Alto, CA

Forward Deployed Engineer Intern, Palantir Finance

5/12 - 9/12

- Coordinated 4 interns and 5 full-timers to create a visual web tool in Java to empower non-technical people to integrate client data with Palantir Metropolis Platform
- Designed demo for the home mortgages industry and created data with Python. Presented to external advisors
- Performed data integration and built custom features in Java for a \$152B asset management firm

**Opower,** Leading Energy Efficiency & Smart Grid Software Startup

Arlington, VA

6/11 - 9/11

Software Engineer & Product Manager Intern

- Led a cross-functional team of 8 from ideation to the completion of development of an individualized short-url sign-up service
- Developed majority of the code for the short-url sign-up service for Opower's web portal using Java Spring
- Launched automated FAQ site for utility clients in Java Spring, saving 3+ hrs of engineer-time per all future client launches

Facebook Palo Alto, CA

Hardware Test Engineer Intern, Server Team (Open Compute Project)

6/10 - 9/10

- Developed test plan and environments for electrical, memory, and stress-related tests for the 1<sup>st</sup> generation server design
- Performed analysis on CPU efficiency and memory margin, and discovered a main bug in the memory sticks
- Servers increased 38% in efficiency and decreased 24% in price compared to industry standards

**Hewlett-Packard** Taipei, Taiwan

Research & Development Engineer Intern, Taiwan Design Center

6/09 - 8/09

- Designed the Energy Star 5.0 test plan –an international standard for energy efficient consumer products
- Obtained the Energy Star 5.0 Certification; product (Workstation Z200) launched in Feb 2010
- Diagnosed malfunction in idle-state power saving –resulted in 10 watts (20%) of power per computer saved

## SELECTED EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Stanford Consulting Stanford, CA

Project Director & Board Member

9/10 - 6/12

- Led a team of 5 to assist Grupo RBS, 3<sup>rd</sup> largest media company in Brazil, to establish the venture capital branch
- Led a team of 5 student consultants to work with Google advisors to identify future revenue models for mobile applications
- Worked with a team of 5 to complete projects with a \$1.7B community foundation and EnerNOC

## Green Alliance for Innovative Action (GAIA)

Stanford, CA

Vice Chair

9/11 - 6/12

- Represent the 9 primary sustainability student groups to various university administration groups and student government
- Facilitated collaboration among member student groups to host Earth Day events (April 22) and "Art After Dark" (May 17)

#### Asia-Pacific Student Entrepreneurship Society (ASES)

Stanford, CA

Strategy & Development Director

9/08 - 6/11

- Increased corporate sponsorship by 3 times from previous year (\$2,000 to \$6,000)
- Collaborated with Stanford Career Development Center to host startup career fair, attracting 70+ startups
- Directed the inaugural high school entrepreneurship conference "Be a CEO by 21"

#### **SKILLS**

**Computer Skills:** Java, C, C++, C#; SQL; HTML, CSS, Javascript; Python, Ruby, Rails; Matlab **Language Skills:** Native proficiency in Mandarin Chinese and Taiwanese (Southern-Min Chinese)