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# COURSEWORK

#### MCMASTER UNIVERSITY

Data Structures & Algorithms Computer Architecture Operating Systems Principles of Programming Software Design Fundamentals Computer Based Problem Solving Information Systems In Business

#### JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

Data Science Specialization via Coursera

#### STANFORD UNIVERSITY

iPhone Application Development

# SKILLS

Java • JavaScript • Objective-C Node.js • Angular.js • Express.js iOS CocoaTouch • NGINX Redis • MongoDB • GIT Agile Methodologies

# **LEADERSHIP**

#### **HACKITMAC**

Organized technology talks and provide mentorship on current web technologies and architectures.

#### **HACKMCMASTER**

Organizing the first hackathon at McMaster University. Managing development of registration, submission and sponsor systems.

## GOOGLE DEVELOPER GROUP

Presented an introduction to the "MEAN" web development stack.

# MCMASTER SOFTWARE ENGINEERING OLYMPICS

Coordinated execution of programming challenges to over 125 highschool students from accross Ontario. Judged submissions and provided mentorship to participants.

# **FDUCATION**

# MCMASTER UNIVERSITY | Honours B.A.Sc, Computer Science

Expected May 2016 | Hamilton, ON

• Minor, Information Systems - DeGroote School of Business

# WORK EXPERIENCE

# UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT | McMaster University

June 2014 - Present | Hamilton, ON

- Consulted with Dr. Kevin Veenstra (DeGroote School of Business, McMaster University), to identify solutions to improve effeciency of research staff.
- Developed and deployed web applications to streamline data scraping.
- Applications have saved over \$5000 in manual data entry costs.

# CO-FOUNDER & ENGINEERING LEAD | Woof Labs, Inc.

Feb 2014 - September 2014 | Toronto, ON

- Implemented cloud infrastructure to handle growth to 60,000 users.
- Migrated monolithic application to service-oriented architecture.
- Resolved performance bottlenecks using proven web technologies.
- Involved in all aspects of the company, from design to investment and product strategy.

## IOS DEVELOPER INTERN | NITEROLL, INC

May 2013 - April 2014 | Ottawa, ON

- Implemented user interface, ticket purchase workflows, and location based features for venue patrons.
- Implemented scanning tickets via device camera, and analytic dashboards to monitor promoter and venue performance.
- Mobile application reduced host staffing requirements, saved nightclubs \$5000 per year.

# **PROJECTS**

#### TIPSYLOCK

The Next 36 Hackathon 2014
Drunk driving deterrent using Muse EEG headband and Nymi ECG wristband wearable technology. 1st place winner

#### **PEEP**

YHack 2014 iOS Hyperlocal Apparel Search

### FB MUSIC RECOMMENDER

Personalized music discovery platform using Facebook Graph API.

# VISUALIZATION OF CLUSTERS IN HIGH-DIMENSIONAL MUSIC DATA

McMaster University & Microsoft Building machine learning pipeline to ingest 600MM rows of global music-consumption data.

#### **MCMASTERGRAM**

Built web app that displays all Instagram media McMaster University related tags.