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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.

EDUCATION

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.