# **LAURA WILSON**

Senior pursuing computer science at Brown University, with a passion for user-centered design.

#### **EDUCATION**

## Brown University, Providence, RI

Candidate for Sc.B. Computer Science

Sep 2017 – **May 2021** 4.0 GPA

**Select Coursework:** Data Structures & Algorithms, Software Engineering, Object-Oriented Programming, Computer Systems, UI/UX, Data Science

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

# **Software Engineering Intern**

May - Aug 2020

Google, Cambridge, MA

 Enriching the place-sheet of cities on Google Maps with area-explore features that display local iconic places and neighborhoods

# **Teaching Assistant**

Aug 2018 - Present

Brown University, Providence, RI

- UI/UX (Head Teaching Assistant)
  - Works directly under professor to shape and coordinate the course, as well as manage the TA staff
  - Minimized grading time and improved student satisfaction by designing and building an automatic interface-grading platform
- Software Engineering, Object-Oriented Programming, UI/UX
  - Taught students technical concepts by leading discussions and labs, holding office hours, and developing course material

# **Engineering Practicum Intern**

May - Aug 2019

Google, San Francisco, CA

- Built an improved appointment-booking page within Google Maps, in collaboration with co-intern.
- Expedited the booking process for users by building the client side of a responsive webpage in Java, JavaScript, and a templating language.
- Provided the most relevant results by configuring and issuing RPCs to re-fetch data and re-render components on user interaction.
- Verified the success of the page by creating and conducting an A/B testing experiment.

## **Undergraduate Researcher**

Jan 2018 - May 2019

Pen & Touch Computing Lab, Brown University

- Worked with a team to develop a collaborative information management environment on the web, developed in TypeScript with React
- Added comprehensive support for Pen & Touch interaction by designing full-stack plan, with a focus on experimental bimanual operations

## **SKILLS**

**Languages:** Java, JavaScript/TypeScript (Reactjs), HTML/CSS, Python, C# / XAML, C, Racket

**Software**: Data Structures & Algorithms, Git / GitHub, UI/UX, Sketch, Adobe Illustrator & Photoshop & Premiere Pro, Figma

Design: Prototyping, User Testing, Graphics, Animation, Drawing, Visual Arts

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#### **HONORS**

1<sup>st</sup> Place, RISD Make-a-thon 2020

Grace Hopper Scholar, GHC 2020

## **PROJECT SPOTLIGHT**

## **Dataverse**

www.dataverse.fun

An online universe that teaches kids about data structures through games.

**Team:** 4 students **My contribution:** 

The frontend structure and interaction of the games, multiplayer integration, and the art & design

## **EXTRACURRICULARS**

Mentor for female CS students at Brown

Board member of Design@Brown

Organizer of CS Yearbook

Member of Women in Computer Science