

# Logan Cooper

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## SKILLS

- **Languages:** Python, SQL, JavaScript
- **Frameworks:** Pandas, scikit-learn, numpy, scipy, spacy, Flask, BeautifulSoup, D3.js, Node, Puppeteer.js
- **Tools:** Git, PostgreSQL, MongoDB, Amazon Web Services (AWS), Google Cloud Platform (GCP)

## EDUCATION

- **Duke University** Durham, NC
  - *M.S. Economics and Computer Science* *August 2021 - May 2023 (Expected)*  
**Selected Coursework:** Urban Economics, Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing, Databases, Topics in Data Science
  - **U.C. Santa Cruz** Santa Cruz, CA
    - *B.A. Global Economics (cum laude)* *September 2012 - December 2016*

## EXPERIENCE

- **Duke University** Durham, NC
  - *Research Analyst* *Feb 2022 – May 2022, Sep 2022 – Present*
    - Automated the scraping and cleaning of several million broadcast news transcripts with BS4 and Puppeteer to create a dataset for NLP-based research by professors Pat Bayer and Jonathan Moreno-Medina.
    - Experimented with BERT-based keyword extraction, event extraction, and sentiment analysis algorithms on 80GB of unstructured text data to capture relevant research data.
- **Pearson** Durham, NC
  - *Data Scientist Intern* *May 2022 - August 2022*
    - Developed Python data pipelines to download, clean, and transcribe ~1.5 million text, audio, and video documents from internal APIs and store them in Google BigQuery.
    - Prototyped a rank-based recommendation system to match learner queries to paragraphs and video from 1,200 e-textbooks using Pandas, FastText, Gensim, BM25, and Flask.
- **Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco** San Francisco, CA
  - *Software Developer* *Jul 2020 - Jul 2021*
    - Created Java ETL tool to transform CSV bank data from the New York Fed into a format our data platform could ingest. Resulted in access time for this data dropping from hours to minutes.
- **Forio** San Francisco, CA
  - *Software Developer* *Jan 2018 - Jun 2020*
    - Built React/Redux frontends for 9 educational simulations collectively worth over \$990,000 in revenue, including data visualizations and grade dashboards.
    - Saved 8-16 hours of developer time per project while improving adherence to internal coding standards by creating a Node CLI tool to auto-generate project and component boilerplate.

## PROJECTS

- **PollyDarton – NLP-driven Data Curation for Polymer Nanocomposite Data Resources:** Group project. NLP-based classification of sentences in published materials science papers. Improved F1 score over current models by 0.05 points. Tech: Python, PyTorch, scikit-learn, NLTK, Gensim, RoBERTa
- **Obesity and Corruption in the Former USSR:** Working research paper which corrects for omitted variables in a 2021 paper which uses machine learning estimates of politicians' BMIs as a proxy variable for corruption. Finds that upon correcting for omitted variables, the results are still significant and more than 90% as strong. Tech: Python, pandas, Statsmodels
- **Crypto Currency Arbitrage DB:** Group project. Arbitrage tool using Python data scrapers scheduled hourly feeding data from multiple crypto exchanges to a PostgreSQL database and visualizing it with React. Tech: Python, Flask, PostgreSQL, React
- **The Vocabulary of Buck 65, Quantified:** Blog post with analysis of rapper Buck 65's vocabulary inspired by Matt Daniels' Raper Vocab Chart. Finds that Buck 65 should be the third highest vocabulary in hip-hop. Tech: Python, Pandas.
- **Linear Regression API:** API which can perform and visualize simple OLS linear regressions. Tech: Python, Flask, JavaScript, D3.js, AWS Lambda