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EDUCATION

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Expected June 2021

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science | GPA: 3.91

RELEVANT COURSES: Computer Systems • Networks and Distributed Systems • Programming Languages • Usable Security and Privacy • Inventing, Engineering, and Designing I/O Devices

SKILLS & TOOLS: C • JavaScript • Python • Java • HTML • CSS • R • SQL • Angular • Express JS • Node JS

EXPERIENCE

Braintree (PayPal) – Software Engineer Intern / Chicago, IL

June 2019 - Present

- Worked alongside senior engineers on the Infrastructure team to redesign secrets management, and build public key infrastructure (PKI).
- Created tools and tests to issue, sign, and deploy private and public SSL certificates, shortening workflow time by 90%.
- Developed automated reporting for expiring secrets and access activity, significantly reducing risk of down-time.
- Implemented necessary infrastructure and encryption protocol for private key sharing and verification.

UChicago Core Tutors – Computer Science tutor / Chicago, IL

April 2019 - Present

- Tutor for the Computer Science Intro Sequence (i.e Data Structures & Algorithms, Computer Systems).

Medivis – Software Development Intern / Brooklyn, NY

June - September 2018

- Designed and created a CosmosDB database to effectively store, access, and edit anatomy part data.
- Built a web interface for the 3D-modelling team to add and update anatomy parts, and for clients to view and customize their own anatomy tags.
- Built and designed a REST API to regulate data transfer between the interface and database.
- Engaged in code reviews and wrote extensive documentation for each component of the system.

ACTIVITIES

UChicago Tech Team – Developer / Chicago, IL

October 2018 - Present

- Created a mobile application for the Chicago Department of Health to easily help medical providers look up, research, and report diseases and protocols.

ILC: Entrepreneurship – President / Chicago, IL

September 2017 - Present

- Plan curriculum and speaker series on business management fundamentals for new members
- Manage partnerships with University administration and local startups.

PROJECTS

HICE (on my wrist)

June 2019

Body temperature regulation device that actively detects skin and nearby temperature. Portable heating/cooling watch.

(Arduino, C++, Peltier, 3D printed)

Destress Cyb.org

Uncommon Hacks – 1st Place

Wearable tech that analyzes brain waves and uses computer vision to blur or replace visual stress triggers.

(Computer Vision, EEG Headband, Qualcomm Dragonboard 401c)

SecURL

May 2019

Browser extension that analyzes and explains relevant info about a site's SSL certificates to the average user.

(Javascript, HTML, CSS)

SafeRoute

ByteHacks 2018

Web application that determines the safest route home, based on NYC public crime data. Generates a heat map with interactive markers.

(Angular, Express JS, Google Maps)