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Education

- August 2017 — December 2021 **Bachelor of Science in Computer Science**, *Georgia Institute of Technology*, Atlanta, GA.
- GPA: 3.88/4.00
 - Threads: Intelligence, Info & Internetworks
 - Selected Coursework: Data Structures and Algorithms, Database Technologies, Machine Learning, Computer Networking, Systems and Networks, Game AI, Intro to Info Security, Intro to Artificial Intelligence, Computer Organization

Experience

- February 2022 — Present **Software Engineer**, *NCR Innovation Lab*, Atlanta, GA.
- Used **OpenCV**, **OpenPose**, and **Python** to build a real-time inference pipeline that lets brick and mortar retailers quantify and analyze foot traffic in their stores
 - Architected a pipeline for real-time foot traffic data in retail stores that's capable of analyzing **2,000 people** in a store **10 times per second**
 - Conducted technical and behavioral interviews for intern and full-time candidates
- May 2021 — December 2021 **Software Engineer Intern**, *NCR Innovation Lab*, Atlanta, GA.
- Designed and implemented a data pipeline which ingests real-time data from edge compute devices, delivers them to dashboards and other services, and stores insights computed from those data
 - Used **TypeScript** to build microservices which poll third-party **REST APIs** and consume from **WebSockets**, publish data to **Pub/Sub topics**, and transform and load data into **BigQuery**
 - Created a dashboard with **React** and **TypeScript** which visualizes data from that pipeline in real time via **WebSockets**
 - Containerized those applications and deployed them to an on-prem **Ubuntu Linux** machine with **Docker Compose** and **cron jobs**
 - Onboarded 3 new developers via remote and in-person pair programming sessions, and by creating video tutorials
- June 2020 — August 2020 **MLH Fellow**, *Major League Hacking + Amazon Web Services Open Source*, Remote.
- Selected as **one of 150 Fellows from a pool of 20,000 applicants** to be a member of the Fellowship's inaugural class
 - Used **TypeScript** and a **cross-compilation toolchain** to implement functionality in the **AWS Amplify CLI** that allows users to write, test, and deploy **Lambda functions** with **Swift**
 - Wrote user-facing documentation and guides, as well as developer-facing design documents, with the AWS Amplify team
- January 2018 — May 2020 **Rise Up Undergraduate Assistant**, *College of Computing, Georgia Institute of Technology*, Atlanta, GA.
- Led weekly webinars and monthly in-person sessions, explaining and demonstrating fundamental computer science concepts to groups of 30 Georgia high school students
 - Helped organize and run the 2018 and 2019 **AP Bowl**, during which **over 300 Georgia high school students** took a mock AP Computer Science exam on Georgia Tech's main campus
- May 2019 — August 2019 **Software Engineer Intern**, *DataScan*, Alpharetta, GA.
- Established pattern for new **REST API endpoints** in a **Spring Boot** application that perform lightweight existence/authorization checks for subresources
 - Relocated frequently accessed, but rarely modified, information from an **Oracle database** to a **Redis** in-memory cache

Involvements

- August 2019 — Present **GT Solar Racing**, *Telemetry Team Member*.
- Redesigned a two-way telemetry message protocol to support 4x more message types to and from the vehicle
 - Maintaining server written in **Go** that listens for and processes the vehicle's vitals in real time via a **TCP connection**
 - Integrating **Grafana** visualization tool with **InfluxDB** to monitor the state of the vehicle as it races

Personal Projects

- Command Line Interface **lancp**, *A simple tool for easily transferring files between two machines on the same network.*
- Used **Go** to write a tool that is similar to **scp** and **rsync**, but more convenient to use
 - Allows two devices to discover each other with passphrases sent in plaintext through **UDP broadcast messages**
 - Sends file contents over a secure **TLS connection** after generating and exchanging a **self-signed certificate**
- Discord Bot **HMM Mimicker**, *Generates messages of the same vocabulary and sentence structure as a corpus.*
- Uses a **hidden Markov model** built from a customizable corpus to produce messages in a Discord text channel
 - Used **Go** to implement a content generation model, and to build a bot which parses commands from users and posts messages
 - Wrote a comprehensive **unit and integration test suite**. Containerized and deployed to **Cloud Run**

Skills and Attributes

- Languages TypeScript, JavaScript, Go, Java, Python, C, Bash, Swift, C#, HTML, CSS
- Technologies git, vim, React, Node.js, Docker, Amazon Web Services, Google Cloud Platform, GNU/Linux, PostgreSQL, Grafana, InfluxDB, Redis
- Interests Rust, Consensus algorithms, Distributed systems, Systems programming, Free and open-source software