

# NEAL PATEL

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## EDUCATION

**University of Virginia, GPA: 3.84 / 4**

December 2020

- Double Major in B.A. Computer Science and B.A. Statistics
- Minor in Data Science

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Amazon Web Services – Software Development Engineer Intern**

May 2020 – August 2020

- Designed and developed a cloud-native comments feed for a website used at every AWS conference
- Implemented full stack feature with live UI updates, automated deployments, and efficient data fetching
- Stack: ReactJS, GraphQL, Go, AWS CloudFormation, AppSync, API Gateway, Lambda, DynamoDB

**UVA Computer Science Department – Head Teaching Assistant**

August 2019 – December 2020

- Teach programming labs and hold office hours in data structures and algorithms course taught in C++

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**UVA Information Security Lab – Research Assistant**

May 2019 – May 2020

- Developed detection algorithm for observation-based attacks in field of deep reinforcement learning
- Achieved 95% accuracy in detecting adversarial attacks in Atari game environments using TensorFlow
- Submitted research paper to the 5<sup>th</sup> IEEE European Symposium on Security and Privacy Conference

**National Science Foundation Research Experience – Research Fellow**

May 2018 – August 2018

- Researched and implemented an application of a Mask Region-based Convolutional Neural Network using TensorFlow and improved brain tumor classification accuracy from 78% to 90% in MRI scans
- Published research paper and presented project at the 50<sup>th</sup> Biomedical Engineering Society Conference

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## PROJECTS

**Stitch Share – Lead Developer**

January 2020 – May 2020

- Created a multitiered, containerized, scalable clothing rental website with Elasticsearch and load balancing
- Stack: Python, Django, MySQL, Kafka, Docker, and Spark

**Quick Workout – Founder – <https://assistant.google.com/services/a/uid/0000007ddbff9867>** May 2019 – Present

- Developed a Google Home Action featuring a guided body workout averaging ~1,000 monthly active users
- Featured as a top fitness Action on CNET: <https://cnet.co/39yH17H>

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## ACTIVITIES

**theCourseForum – Software Engineer – <https://thecourseforum.com/>**

March 2019 – August 2020

- theCourseForum is an online community for sharing academic experiences with 10,000+ monthly users
- Migrated codebase to Django and containerized website in collaboration with 5 infrastructure engineers
- Stack: Python, Django, MySQL, ReactJS, and Docker

**HooHacks Team – Co-Chair, Hacker Experience**

October 2018 – December 2020

- Led a committee to organize and execute the premier annual UVA hackathon with 700+ participants
- Transformed it into a virtual hackathon with \$55,000 in funding and 140+ projects due to COVID-19

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## HONORS

**Kleiner Perkins Fellows Program - Finalist**

November 2019

**UVA Transitional Care Hospital – Volunteer (150+ hours)**

September 2017 – May 2019

**APT Puzzle Tournament Building Challenge Winner**

April 2018 and 2019

**Capital One Labs – Software Engineer Summiteer**

May 2018