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### PROJECTS

- QuantSoftware Toolkit: Open source python library for financial data analysis and machine learning for finance.
- Github Visualization: Data Visualization of Git Log data using D3 to analyze project trends over time.
- Recommendation System: Music and Movie recommender systems using collaborative filtering on public datasets.
- Mac Setup: Book that gives step by step instructions on setting up developer environment on Mac OS.

#### EXPERIENCE

#### JibJab Studios

Marina Del Rey, California

May 2017 - Present

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Software Engineer

- Tensorflow: TensorFlow is an open source software library for numerical computation using data flow graphs; primarily used for training deep learning models.
- Apache Beam: Apache Beam is a unified model for defining both batch and streaming data-parallel processing pipelines, as well as a set of language-specific SDKs for constructing pipelines and runners.

#### Ocean Networks Canada

Victoria B.C.

Senior Software Engineer

Jan 2014 - Oct 2016

- **Notifications**: Service for sending email, push and in-app notifications. Involved in features such as delivery time optimization, tracking, queuing and A/B testing. Built an internal app to run batch campaigns for marketing etc.
- Nostos: Bulk data processing and injection service from Hadoop to Cassandra and provides a thin REST layer on top for serving offline computed data online.
- Workflows: Dataduct an open source workflow framework to create and manage data pipelines leveraging reusables patterns to expedite developer productivity.
- Data Collection: Designed the internal survey and crowd sourcing platfowm which allowed for creating various tasks for crowd sourcing or embedding surveys across the Coursera platform.
- **Dev Environment**: Analytics environment based on docker and AWS, standardized the python and R dependencies. Wrote the core libraries that are shared by all data scientists.
- Data Warehousing: Setup, schema design and management of Amazon Redshift. Built an internal app for access to the data using a web interface. Dataduct integration for daily ETL injection into Redshift.
- **Recommendations**: Core service for all recommendation systems at Coursesa, currently used on the homepage and throughout the content discovery process. Worked on both offline training and online serving.
- Content Discovery: Improved content discovery by building a new onboarding experience on coursera. Using this to personalize the search and browse experience. Also worked on ranking and indexing improvements.
- Course Dashboards: Instructor dashboards and learner surveying tools, which helped instructors run their class better by providing data on Assignments and Learner Activity.

#### **EDUCATION**

## University of Victoria

Masters of Applied Science in Computer Engineering

Victoria B.C. Canada May. 2015 – Dec. 2016

University of Victoria

Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Engineering

Victoria B.C. Canada Sept. 2010 – Apr. 2015