Nicholas Colvin

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EDUCATION

University of Texas at Dallas Richardson, TX Candidate for Master of Science in Computer Science December 2023

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science May 2020

WORK EXPERIENCE

Self-Employed Durham, NC

Software Developer

fall 2021 - present

Chapel Hill, NC

- Continued software development work for 4th Vector Technologies after leaving the full-time position to pursue school
- Devised a user-friendly setup tool for Cognex VisionPro scripts, enabling clients to independently configure new products in minutes instead of relying on external assistance, vastly improving efficiency and client satisfaction
- Created a support chat interface between 4VT and clients via the Slack API, significantly reducing response times

4th Vector Technologies Apex. NC

Vision Systems Engineer

summer 2020 - fall 2021

- Built, installed, maintained, and supported software and hardware for ten industrial machine vision systems
- Designed HMI applications in C# and deployed them to industrial PCs that serve as central control hubs for the systems
- Developed custom image processing algorithms using a variety of CPU/GPU programming and commercial software
- Trained a deep learning model to classify product anomalies and achieved over 90% precision and recall
- Revamped the company website, integrating Perch CMS, Google Analytics, and HubSpot to improve SEO scores, increase traffic, and enhance lead generation and client engagement
- Communicated with clients to identify needs and translate into tailored software features

Blue Trading Systems Chapel Hill, NC

Programming Intern

summer 2018 - fall 2019

- Produced a single-page application for internal use in F# to display software version numbers running on virtual machines along with system and network information
- Deployed a Python web application into a Docker container enabling clients to manage their software instance and plugins, view and filter a live feed of logs, and look up FIX messages

Lenovo Morrisville, NC

Software Engineering Intern

summer 2017

- Applied the MVC model in C# to gather data for the homepage of a Windows application
- Wrote unit, integration, and web tests for accessing cloud content within the model
- Learned to work in an agile environment, use project tracking and content management software, and relay progress in daily team meetings

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Predicting NFL Scores using Sportsbook Odds

fall 2022

- Implemented a multilayer perceptron in Python and compared performance with an MLPRegressor from scikit-learn
- Organized a database found online with opening and closing odds from every NFL game since 2007
- Evaluated the significance of features by removing them from the dataset and comparing summary statistics over ten instances of each model

Odder.Jobs fall 2019

- Led the development of a job board to find or post local odd jobs as a group project using JavaScript and Bulma
- Provided separate public, private, and user data stores to secure and organize data

Programming Languages: C#, Python, Java, JavaScript, C, F#

Tools and Frameworks: .NET Core and Framework, Azure DevOps, NumPy, scikit-learn, PyTorch, React, Express is